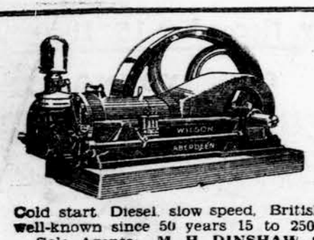

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Reds Riot In Calcutta Jail Again

DETENUS OBJECT TO POLICE SEARCH

Forty-Four Injured In The Clash

CALCUTTA, Dec. 15 (P.T.I.).

FORTY-four persons including 14 policemen were injured in a clash between a police party and Communist detenus inside the Presidency Jail this morning.

The police made a lathi charge when tear gas failed to bring the situation under control.

The trouble arose when the Jail Authorities entered the detenus wards to cary out the usual bi-weekly searches of their dormitory. The prisoners obstructed the Jail Authorities by piling up chairs, tables and other furniture in the entrance.

When attempts were made to remove the barricades, the Jail staff was attacked with all available missiles. Two rounds of buck-shot were fired by the Jail warders, without an injury to anybody.

POLICE ATTACKED

When they failed to remove the barricades, police help was sought by the Jail Authorities and a police party headed by two Deputy Commissioners of Police soon arrived on the spot.

The police party which approached the dormitory was attacked by the prisoners with bottles, tumblers and tuensils. Pillows set on fire were also hurled at them. The police warned the prisoners, who replied by intensifying their attack when several tear gas shells were fired.

Soon after the police succeeded in breaking through the barricades and made a lathi charge, and the prisoners surrendered.

USE OF HANDCUFFS

A press note issued by the West Bengal Government on today's disturbances said: Recently certain Communist detenus, who were taken to Sealdah Court to appear in cases pending against them, behaved in a rowdy and boisterous manner there, which made it necessary for their escort to use handcuffs and ropes to secure them.

Thereafter, the detenus of the Presidency Jail intimated that unless Government gave an assurance that handcuffs etc. not be used in future, no detenus would agree to be taken to court.

They were informed that Government were not prepared to give any such assurance unless they gave an undertaking that those who had to be taken to court would behave in an orderly and peaceful manner. Such an undertaking they declined to give.

The disturbance in the male ward was followed by a similar disturbance in the female ward, where the detenus bound and locked up a few female warders who were on duty and barricaded the doors leading into the ward. The Jail staff however succeeded in restoring order soon.

The injured were given medical aid in the Jail Hospital.

The Thin Line

NEW DELHI, Dec. 15. (PTI).

Families that produce mad men also produce geniuses, according to a note by Major R. B. Davis, Medical Superintendent, Inter-provincial mental Hospital, Ranchi, which was laid on the table for Parliament today by Health Minister, Rajkumari Amrit Kaur.

According to Major Davis, there has been some increase during recent years in cases of insanity occurring among middle class educated people. Mental conflict between narrow, conservative orthodox ideas and modern progressive ideas was one of the causes of insanity. Another cause was mental shock produced by witnessing some communal carnage.

Dr. M. V. Gondaswamy, Superintendent, Mental Hospital, Bangalore, gave chronic starvation as one of the causes of mental breakdown in India.

ABDUCTED WOMEN WITH PAKISTAN STATE SERVANTS

NEW DELHI, Dec 15 (PTI): About 2,000 abducted non-Muslim women were said to be in the custody of Pakistan Government servants, said Mr. N. Gopalaswamy Ayyangar, in the Parliament today.

Mr. Ayyangar, who was speaking on the bill to provide for the recovery of aducted women, said that the Government of India had sent the Pakistan Government a list of about 7,520 abducted persons still to be recovered from Pakistan.

They had furnished "definite clues" in respect of about 5,000 of them including 2,000 "specifically stated" to be in the custody of Pakistan Government servants.

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FORCED TO FLEE FROM PAKISTAN

Sind Hindus' Property Seized: Two Hundred Arrive In City

BOMBAY, Thursday.

HARROWING tales of atrocities perpetrated on the Sindhi Hindus in Pakistan to declare their properties as evacuee properties and to compel them to leave Pakistan were narrated by a batch of about 200 displaced persons who arrived in Bombay today from Karachi by S. S. 'Sabarmati'.

Refugees who come mostly from the interior of Sind, said that the plight of Hindus in Sind was most pitiable. Hindus, just because they were Hindus, were looked upon as traitors and had no freedom of expression. Those Hindus who lived in the rural areas were threatened with dire consequences in the event of their not embracing Islam, and had to come to India due to insecurity in the other dominion.

Mr. Motiram Vaswani, a landlord in Hyderabad, one of the refugees, told the United Press of India, that all his buildings had been seized by the Pakistan Custodian of the Evacuee Property and he was not even allowed to collect rent or arrears.

Bhai Bhai Bhudermal of Khairpur Mirs, another refugee, stated that his rice factory, lands and his house in which he was living, were all declared evacuee property and allotted to Muslim refugees.

CROPS HARVESTED

Bhai Mayaram from Tharushah said that his crops were harvested and taken away by Muslim refugees.

Yet another refugee, Bhai Chhangomal Haziram from Larkana, stated that he had to engage a Muslim as his partner for safeguarding his rice mill, but the latter betrayed him and got the mill allotted to himself and threatened to put him to prison if he did not quit Pakistan.

A spokesman of the Bombay Government told UPI today that arrangements were made to send these refugees to Mashrol Camp near Nasik.

STILL THEY COME

About 200 refugees arrived in the city on Thursday from Karachi, picture shows some of them disembarking at No. 14, Alexandra Docks. All of them have the same story to tell—a story of calculated persecution.

CORNERED RED USES BOMBS

Two Policemen Injured

VIRUDHUNAGAR, Dec. 15 (UPI):—The Deputy Superintendent of Police Sivakasi, Mr. Viswanathan Nair, and Mr. Ramiah, Sub-Inspector of Police, were slightly injured as a result of the explosion of three bombs in the underground Communist District Headquarters office here last night.

A police party headed by the Deputy Superintendent of Police was conducting a search of the Communist Party's office when the explosion occurred. One of the Communists who was in ambush inside the premises threw three bombs at the police party.

The Communist who threw the bombs has been arrested and a large quantity of chemicals used for making bombs, party records and literature have been seized by the police.

The police also searched two more houses later and seized objectionable literature and a printing press alleged to have been used for printing such literature.

YEAR'S R. I. FOR 22 RED DETENUS

For Assaulting Banaras Jail Staff

BANARAS, Dec. 15 (PTI): Twenty-two Communist detenus, lodged in the Banaras Central Jail, were sentenced to one year's rigorous imprisonment each by Mr. N. C. Jain, 1st Class Magistrate for having assaulted the jail staff.

The detenus, according to the prosecution, assaulted the sentry on duty in the political barracks and other jail staff on the night of June 6 last.

The clash is stated to have been an offshoot of the detenus' discontent over facilities accorded to them by the authorities. Fourteen detenus and 11 members of the jail staff were injured in the clash.

The Magistrate sentenced one more accused to pay a fine of Rs. 300 and acquitted three others of the charge.

SMILE OF SUCCESS

Mr Robert Menzies victor in the Australian elections seen in the garden of his Melbourne home with his wife and their daughter—before getting down to the task of forming his new cabinet.

Partition Problems Complex

ANDHRA PROVINCE NOT LIKELY BY JAN. 26

Centre Supports Madras View

MADRAS, Dec. 15 (PTI).

THE Government of India, it is learnt, consider that the Madras Government's view that the necessary preliminaries for the formation of the province could not be got through before January 26, is more realistic appraisal of the problem than that of the Partition Committee.

The Partition Committee had held that it could reach agreements on all points in time for the formation of the new province before the inauguration of the Indian Republic.

Authoritative quarters hold that the issues involved are so complex that a settlement would not be possible before April next.

Mr. P. S. Kumaraswami Raja, Premier of Madras, today stated: "We are honestly working towards the earliest formation of the Andhra Province."

The Government of India have addressed another communication to the Madras Government on the Andhra Province question wherein they have emphasised that all important issues like boundary and financial position of the new province should be satisfactorily settled before the creation of the new province. This was revealed by the Premier in a press interview today.

It is believed that the Central Government's communication is in reply to the views of the Madras Government as also of the Partition Committee of the subject recently conveyed to them.

DEFICIT

The Central Government, the Madras Premier said, had emphasised in their communication among other things that the figures for the revenue and expenditure and the deficit of the new Andhra Province should be ascertained precisely before steps were taken for the creation of the new province.

If the new province is to be a deficit province to the extent of Rs. 6-1/2 crores as held by the Linguistic Provinces Committee, the Government of India want what ways and means should be suggested to cover this deficit without throwing the burden on them in their present financial stringency.

The Central Government have also pointed out to the need for a satisfactory solution of the controversy as to which province the six Kanarese speaking taluks of Bellary should be merged. They hold that those taluks could not be part of the Andhra Province as it should consist of clearly defined Telugu areas only, according to the agreement on which the formation of the new province was founded. The Government of India consider it expedient to set up a Boundary Commission to demarcate the boundaries of the new province comprising the undisputed Telugu areas.

The Government of India have expressed the view that it will be sufficient if one high court judge forms the Boundary Committee as against three members proposed by the Madras Cabinet.

Nagpur Cotton Position Grave

CLOSURE OF MILLS FEARED

NAGPUR, Dec. 15 (UPI): The cotton situation in the province is extremely critical. Unless proper supplies of cotton are made available to the mills, it is feared, the textile mills in the province might have to close down throwing some 40,000 workers out of employment.

The management of the Model Mills which notified earlier that on account of shortage of cotton, they might have to close the mills from the December 15, notified again yesterday saying that they had secured supplies to run the mills for a while. If however, the stock position did not improve they would have to close down the mills from January 1, 1950.

MASSACRE OF POLITICAL PRISONERS ALLEGED

Communists' Charge Against Chinese Nationalists

HONGKONG, Dec. 15. (PTI-Reuter):

THE pro-Communist press alleged here today that the Chinese Nationalists, before evacuating Chungking, executed over 500 political prisoners and set fire to a building containing dead and dying men.

Other reports said 22 people were executed at Chengtu.

Independent souces were unable to confirm these stories, but stated that many Communists and pro-Communists, including members of the Democratic League, were held by the Nationalists in Chungking for a long time.

The Chungking executions were reported to have been carried out by rifle and machine-gun fire in concentration camps in the western suburbs on the night of November 27—three days before the Communists captured the city.

Chiang's Loss Is Bao Dai's Gain

A close associate of Acting Chinese President, Li Tsung-Jen, said tonight that arrangements have been made to transfer two Nationalist Armies under General Pai Chung-Hsi to the French Vietnam forces under Ex-Emperor Bao Dai.

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HELPING INFLOW OF CAPITAL

India To Amend Income Tax Act

RELIEF TO NATIONALS TRANSFERRING FUNDS

BOMBAY, Thursday.

THE Government of India are likely to amend the Indian Income Tax Act, shortly with a view to giving some relief to Indian nationals abroad in the event of their transferring their accumulated savings to this country, United Press of India learns here today.

The primary object behind the proposed amendment of the Income Tax Act, writes the U.P.I. City Editor, appears to be to encourage the flow of capital resources from foreign countries to India by exempting from taxation the amount that Indian nationals doing business abroad might into their motherland.

This amendment has been necessitated following uncertain conditions prevailing in Malaya, Burma, South Africa and Pakistan which have forced the Indian nationals there to transfer their funds to India, but they have been so far hesitating to do so in apprehension of heavy taxation that might be imposed on them by the Government of India.

FLOW OF CAPITAL

Under the existing Income Tax Act, profits and gains that have accrued outside British India after April 1933, are liable to Income Tax and Super Tax in the year in which they are brought into India.

The concession proposed to be made by the amendment of the act is expected to encourage and facilitate flow of capital to India to the extent of at least Rs. 30 crores. Although how much capital is likely to flow into the country every year as a result of this concession is not yet ascertainable pending findings of the Reserve Bank of India in respect of foreign assets and liabilities, the new step, it is believed, will put an end to blackmarket in dollars and may attract repatriation of capital from U.S.A.

FUNDS FROM BURMA

Financial circles in Bombay point out that there had been much flight of capital from India to U.S.A. during the years between 1946 and 1948, due to uncertain political situation in the country and this was mainly responsible for blackmarket in dollars in this country.

Now as a result of this concession it is expected that a substantial amount of this capital will flow into this country.

Great concern is nevertheless, expressed in regard to the Indian nationals doing business in Burma and Ceylon, who, it is feared, may not be able to take full advantage of these concessions in view of stringent regulations in force there regarding remittance of their earnings.

It is emphasised in business circles here that as soon as this concession is given practical shape, Government should take up the matter with these countries, particularly Burma, to enable the Indian nationals to transfer their accumulated savings to their motherland without any let or hindrance.

Missing Girl Found After Ten Years

CALCUTTA, Dec. 15. (PTI).

A fourteen-year-old girl—who was listed "missing" for the last ten years—has just been recovered by the Calcutta police. She is still awaiting news of her parents.

Abducted when she was four, the girl was yesterday located in a house in north Calcutta. The girl does not remember her father's name but knows that he was a doctor in Park Circus area of the City.

ASSAM SECURITY ARRESTS

46 Including Students

GAUHATI, Dec. 15. (PTI): Forty-six persons including a number of school students were arrested today at Golaghat (Upper Assam) and in the neighbouring villages under the Assam Public Security Act, according to a report received here.

The arrested persons including five girls, the report added.

The police also carried out a number of searches in Shillong and other places in the Khasi and Jaintia Hills and arrested several persons.

22-Year Old Sentence Remitted

AGRA, Dec. 15 (UPI): The Governor of U. P. has remitted under Section 401 of Cr. P. C. the sentence of one year's R. I. and a fine of Rs. 500 which were passed in 1927 on Pandit Jhabar Mal Sharma ex-editor of now defunt "Hindu Sansar" of Delhi. By a Dehra Dun Magistrate and upheld by the then Chief Justice of the Allahabad High Court.

It may be recalled that Pandit Jhabar Mal was arrested on October 30 last at Calcutta after 22 years for his conviction in the well-known "Hindu Sansar" Defamation Case filed against him by the then Home Minister of the Garhwal State, as a sequel to the publication of three articles in his paper. He was later released on bail.

ANDHRA WILL BE SOLVENT

Prakasam's View

MADRAS, Dec. 15 (PTI): Mr. T. Prakasam, former Premier and member of the Partition Committee, told P.T.I. today that the Andhra Province would be "finally solvent". The rough estimate of the revenue and expenditure of the Telugu Districts would show that the new Province would be "practically self-sufficient".

Mr. Prakasam was sure that the results of examination by the Expert Committee of officials would vindicate the financial soundness of Andhra Province. "The Dhar Committee's estimate of a huge deficit for the Andhra Province is utterly wrong", he said.

Rajaji Arrives At Vizag

VIZAGAPATAM, Dec. 15 (PTI): The Governor-General Mr. C. Rajagopalachari arrived here this afternoon by special plane from Delhi. He was accompanied by his daughter Srimathi Namagiri, the Military Secretary Col. Chatterjee and personal staff.

The Governor-General was received at the air port by the Maharaja of Bhavnagar, Governor of Madras, and the Maharani of Bhavnagar.

This is the first visit of Mr. Rajagopalachari to Vizagapatam as Governor-General.

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NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the 3RD ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of "THE CRESCENT IRON & STEEL CORPORATION LTD" will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, at Goregaon, on Saturday the 31st December 1949, at 10-30 a.m. (S.T.) to transact the following business:

1. To receive and adopt the statement of accounts for the period ending 31st March 1949 and the reports of the Directors and Auditors.

2. To elect Directors in place of Mr. Jayantilal Jivraj Mehta and Dr. G.R.A. Shaikh who retire from the office in accordance with Article 119 of the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Company but being eligible offer themselves for re-election.

3. To appoint Auditors for the financial year and fix their remuneration.

By Order of the Board,
S. A. NATHANI,
Managing Agent.

(1449)

PUBLIC NOTICES

BOMBAY PORT TRUST DOCKS

PUBLIC NOTICE

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a MEETING of the Policy holders of the Association, who are eligible to vote will be held in the Hall of the Association's Building, Dabul, Bombay, on THURSDAY 16th March, 1950, at 6-30 p. m. (S.T.) to elect two Directors to the Board under Section 48 of the Insurance Act 1938, and the rules made there under.

(Other particulars are as contained in the notice posted to the Policy-holders).

By order of the
Board of Directors,
LOYOLA PACHECO.
Secretary-Treasurer.

Girgaum Road,
Bombay-2, 15-12-1949.

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NOTIFICATION BY THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE.

Under Section 23 of the Bombay City Police Act, IV of 1902.

SECOND TEST MATCH.

REGULATION of traffic in the vicinity of the Brabourne Stadium between 10.0 a.m. and 6-30 p.m. from the 16th December 1949 to 20th December 1949 (both days inclusive).

(1) (a) Dinshaw Watcha Road will be closed to West Bound traffic i.e. entry only from Marine Drive between the hours of 10.15 a.m. and 11.30 a.m. and 1.15 p.m. and 2.00 p.m.
(b) Between 12.30 p.m. and 1.15 p.m. and 5.00 p.m. and 5.30 p.m. Dinshaw Watcha Road will be closed to East bound traffic i.e. No entry from Marine Drive.

(2) No parking will be permitted on the south side of Churchgate Street from the Eros Junction to its junction with Marine Drive between the hours of 10.00 a.m. and 5.30 p.m.

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K. D. BILLIMORIA.
Commissioner of Police.

Head Police Office,
Bombay, 14th December, 1949.

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BOMBAY NATIVE DISPENSARY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-SECOND BIENNIAL GENERAL MEETING of the Donors and Subscribers of the Bombay Native Dispensary will be held on THURSDAY the 22nd December 1949 at 5 p.m. (S. T.) at Petit Building, Hornby Road, Fort, Bombay, (4th floor) to transact the following:

1. To receive and adopt the audited Balance Sheet and Report of the Managing Committee for the years 1947 and 1948.
2. To appoint a Member in the Managing Committee in place of Sir Cowasjee Jehangir, Baronet, who retires by rotation but is eligible for re-election.
3. To appoint two Honorary Auditors for the years 1949 and 1950.

By Order of the
Managing Committee,
JEHANGIR R. M. MASTER,
Secretary.
(6628)

LEGAL NOTICES

HIGH COURT.

O.O.C.J.

I.C. No. ..of 1949

In the matter of the INDIAN COMPANIES ACT VII of 1913
And
In the matter of THE NATIONAL NEWSPRINT AND PAPER MILLS, LTD.

The National Newsprint and Paper Mills, Ltd.....Petitioner.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to all to whom it may concern that a Petition for confirming the alteration as to the change of the Company's Registered Office from the Province of Bombay to the Province of Central Provinces and Berar proposed to be effected by the Special Resolution passed by the Company abovenamed at its Extra-Ordinary General Meeting, held on the 22nd day of November, 1949, was on the 15th day of December, 1949, presented to the Learned Chamber Judge by the said Company, and that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Learned Chamber Judge High Court, Bombay, on the 13th day of January, 1950, at 11 o'clock (S.T.) in the forenoon.

Bombay, dated this 15th day of December 1949.

MULLA & MULLA.
Attorneys for the Petitioner.
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LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that UKHAJI PREMAJI AND CHHOGAJI JETHEJI, trading under the name and style of Premaji Sawdauji & Co., have contracted to sell to our client free from all encumbrances and claims the land, hereditaments and premises described in the schedule hereunder written pursuant to the power of sale contained in an indenture of mortgage dated the 16th day of March, 1944, made between Mahomed Abdul Majid Abdul Gafar of the one part and the said Ukhaji Premaji and Chhogaji Jetheji trading under the name and firm of Premaji Sawdauji & Co. of the other part.

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Dated this 14th Day of December 1949.

MULJEE BRADHAN & PEREIRA
Purchaser's Attorneys.
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AUCTION SALES

AUCTION SALE OF VALUABLE PROPERTY AT KHANDIA STREET.

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MEN SUSPECTED TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR SERIES OF CRIMES

The basin of blood, discovered in mysterious circumstances at Picket Road, on November 22, has by a tortuous method put the Bombay Police on the trail of a gang of seven persons, described as desperadoes and dangerous dacoits, who are alleged to have been responsible for a series of crimes raging from burgalaries to armed hold-ups and dacoits in Malad, Borivli, Jageshvari and other distant suburbs of Bombay.

The rounding-up of he dacoits is a sequel to the arrest of three persons in a private car a little after the discovery of the blood-filled enamel basin and the blood stained apparel abandoned on Picket Road. The arrested men are learnt to have made a statement, revealing the whereabouts of a gang of daring dacoits whose hunting grounds were the vast areas of the more distant suburbs.

The alleged leader of the gang is stated to be Dasrath Chaturvedi, who woke up from his slumbers last midnight in his hide-out at Malad, to be confronted by a determined posse of policemen and officers. He was handcuffed and removed to the police lockup.

Five other men alleged to be his accomplices, were simultaneously arrested at Borivli and the seventh member of the gang was also arrested before the night had far advanced.

The Police suspect that these were the men who were responsible for an armed dacoity at Jogeshvari wherein two bags containing cash and ornaments valued at Rs. 20,000 were robbed. In this dacoity, it was stated, the members of the gang were armed with loaded revolvers, daggers and other deadly weapons. So far, the police have been able to recover only Rs. 1,000 out of the looted property.

The arrested men are Dasrath Misra alleged ring-leader, Prannath Brindaban, Kantasingh Jaigopalsingh, Manmohan Chaturpal Singh, Kudansingh Chandanji, Jokum Khurpafu and Bismilla Nooruddin.

The number of arrests in the Blood-Basin Mystery, it is now learnt has reached six.

All the accused have been remanded in custody.

PROF. JOLIOT CURIE TO VISIT BOMBAY

Foreign Experts To Attend Science Session

BOMBAY, Thursday.

World's well-known French Atomic and Radium Scientist, Prof. Jean Frederic Joliot-Curie, is expected to arrive in Bombay from Paris on December 23, to take part in the 15th annual session of the Indian Academy of Sciences to be held in Bombay on December 29, 30 and 31. The French Atomic Expert, who is on his first visit to India, will be accompanied by his wife, Madame Joliot-Curie, a Nobel laurate.

Six other renowned forign scientists from the United Kingdom and United States are also expected to attend the Bombay session. They are Prof. Desmond Bernal, British Social Science Expert, Sir Robrt Robinson, Professor of Chemistry and President of the Royal Society of United Kingdom, Dr. E. W. Condon and Prof., Hermann Mark, U.S.A.'s famous physicists, Prof. A. Auger and Professor. A. H. Compton.

Madame Joliot-Curie and Prof. Jean Frederic Joliot-Curie, will address the session on evolution of nuclear physics and artificial radio activity respectively. Professor Hermann Mark will speak on "Light Scattering in Polymer Solutions."

During their short stay in Bombay, the foreign scientists, who are visiting India for the first time, will visit the Colaba Observatory, the Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, the Royal Institute of Science, the Prince of Wales Museum, the Government of India's Mint, the University Department of Chemical Technology, the Victoria Jubilee Technical Institute, the Haffkine Institute and the Tata Memorial Hospital.

The delegates who will be the guests of the Government of India's Council of Scientific and Industrial Research will later visit Poona to take part in the Indian Science Congress meeting there next month. They will also tour other parts of the country visiting institutions specialising in scientific and industrial research.

Agriculture Show In Thana District

(From Our Correspondent)

KALYAN, Dec. 15.

The Thana District Village Improvement Committee has resolved to conduct an Agricultural and Cattle Exhibition, at Bhivandi from January 31 to February 2. The main intention of this Exhibition, the organisers say, is to educate the agriculturists in the Thana District on Government's 'Grow More Food' campaign. By such exhibitions propaganda could be done easily amongst the agriculturists.

Proper information regarding modern methods of agriculture by which production would be increased by the use of best seeds and manure, are the main items to be explained to them.

For agricultural purposes cattle is the most important. How to preserve cattle wealth, is another important subjects to be explained to the agriculturists. Side by side there will be a poultry exhibition also. Finally, the organisers say, suitable prizes will be awarded to the best cows, bullocks, buffaloes, ducks and hens.

Literary Conference At Sholapur

SHOLAPUR, Dec. 15

The Sholapur District Literary Conference, Poets' Conference and Journalists' Conference will be held at Sholapur on 24th and 25th of December. Elaborate arrangements are being made for the Conference. Mr. Jog will preside over the Literary Conference, Mr. Rajkav Yeshwant will preside over the Poets' Conference and Mr D. S. Potnis will preside over the Journalists' Conference.

STAMP OUT V.D. DRIVE IS ON

"If you are suffering from venereal diseases, stop. Learn facts about venereal disease Go to your doctor or municipal venereal disease clinic for treatment. Quacks can never cure you of the diseases, even if they give temporary relief".

The above is the message signalled to the citizens of Bombay through a poster recently issued by the Propaganda Section, Health Department, Bombay Municipality, displayed at the strategic points all throughout the city.

Venereal diseases are a social evil and a secret scourge. A large percentage of people suffering from venereal diseases, are ignorant of their far-reaching consequences. They are ignorant of the causes and the spread of these diseases on account of prudery and taboo of discussion on sex matters.

The clinic at 254, Bellasis Road provides for treatment of both male and female patients suffering from such diseases through medical officers for males and a lady medical officer for females. A nurse (Health Visitor) attached to the Clinic pays domiciliary visits and induces the members of the family of the patient to call at the Clinic for examination and treatment.

SPLENDID FISHING SEASON

BOMBAY, Thursday.

"The fishing season in Bombay has been splendid this year," said Mr. G D. Tapase, Minister for Fisheries, Government of Bombay, in an interview with our reporter.

The Minister revealed that four to five lacs of mackerel were brought to Bombay every day by Diesel launches from Karwar. Mackerel, as well as other varieties of fish such as mullets and pomfrets, etc., were coming in large quantities every day from Malvan and the Ratnagiri Coast.

This year's catch in this area has also exceeded all previous records, and from all indications it looks as if there is going to be a fish boom.

In these days of scarcity of foodstuffs, the glut of fish proved to be a boon to the fish-eating public, and prices, it is said, were moderate. There were no complaints either about prices or supplies from any section of the public, which was a common feature every year.

The number of launches transporting fish proved to be inadequate to cope with the large catches all over the provincial littoral.

No Strike In Dalda Factory

The Honorary General Secretary of the Lever Brothers (India) Ltd. and Associated Companies' Employees' Union which is the recognised representative Union of the workers in The Hindustan Vanaspati Manufacturing Co. Ltd. which manufactures 'Dalda' has denied reports that have appeared in a certain section of the press that the workers in the 'Dalda' factory are going on strike. There exists at present no reason for this extreme step as all the existing disputes with the Company have been referred to the adjudication of the Industrial Tribunal by Government.

Procurement Price Of Rice In Ahmedabad Highest In India

INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE FINDS SEVERAL ANOMALIES

AHMEDABAD, Dec. 15 (PTI).

THE Foodgrains Investigation Committee appointed by the Ministry of Food, Government of India, which arrived here on a two-day visit, inspected the rural distribution centre at Sarkhej, about four miles from Ahmedabad as well as ration shops and storage godowns in the city.

Pandit Lakshmi Kanta Maitra, Chairman of the Committee, told pressmen here today that they found that the imported grain such as wheat supplied to the Provincial Government by the Central Government on subsidy was sold at much lower rate than the price at which indigenous wheat was procured by them.

Imported wheat was sold through ration shops at Rs. 13-12 per Bengal maund whereas local wheat was procured at Rs. 22. Pandit Maitra added. There is a very wide gap between the two prices, and it is not intelligible how it is possible.

Another significant fact is that coarse grains such as bajri are sold at Rs. 14-4 per Bengal maund which is higher than the price of wheat. This point required close investigation, and we expect the Government of Bombay to clarify the position when we visit Bombay.

PROCUREMENT PRICE OF RICE EXHORBITANT

"The question of rice also requires careful consideration. The procurement price of rice of different varieties is perhaps the highest here in the whole country It ranges from Rs. 20-14 per Bengal maund to Rs. 31-12 according to varieties, against the procurement price of Rs. 13-4 per Bengal maund in Bengal and Madras. We cannot understand this disparity in the price of rice in Bombay as compared to Bengal and Madras. The procurement price of rice here is exhorbitant which means that the consumers have to pay a high price.

"Another anomaly that struck us was", the President of the Committee added, "that the issue price of grains in the city of Ahmedabad was much lower than in rural areas four miles from Ahmedabad. Rice was sold in the city at Rs. 22-4-8 while it was sold in the surrounding rural areas such as Sarkhej at Rs. 28-5-4. The procurement price of the best variety of rice called Basmati in U.P. is Rs. 26 per Bengal maund.

"Another somewhat anomalous point which we noticed is the existence of different weights and measures in the city and rural areas While the grain is sold in the city by pounds, it is sold in the rural areas by seers."

The Committee which is leaving for Poona today expects to visit surplus and deficit areas in Maharashtra and Karnatak before reaching Bombay.

A CALL TO THE YOUNG

Bombay Parsi Girl Pipers celebrated their 6th Anniversary when Lt.-Col. J. D. Kothawala presided. Inset left, the founder Mr. N. D. Dastkhanawala, right, the tutor Mr. Soli Sarkari.

BE A NURSE AND COMBINE PLEASURE WITH SERVICE

BOMBAY, Thursday.

Presiding at the 6th Anniversary show of the Bombay Parsi Girl Pipers, Lt.-Col. J. D. Kothawala, who is a great advocate of outdoor healthy life and who himself worked with the St. John Ambulance Brigade for over 35 years, appealed to the small band of active healthy girls to combine pleasure with service by forming their own nursing division under he auspices of the St. John Ambulance Brigade.

Col. Kothawala stressed the point that the girls, their parents and husbands need entertain no fear that this would come in the way of their normal duties of life or would take them away to hospitals day after day to nurse the sick. He explained that the purpose of the units of St. John was to maintain in readiness young active boys and girls, trained in First-aid and nursing work to turn out in emergencies such as earth-quakes, explosions and other such havocs also during sports, gatherings, processions etc. so that in case of accidents, or injuries prompt and proper aid can be given on the spot.

Col. Kothawala strongly advised that the name of the Institute of Piper should be changed from Bombay Parsi Girl Pipers to 'Bombay Girl Piprse' thereby removing the communal association. He said that the tags Parsi, Hindu, Maratha had no place in Independent India and that the sooner such clan distinctions disappeared, the better it was for all concerned.

DEVELOPMENT OF KHAR LANDS

Board Meets In Secretariat

BOMBAY, Thursday.

A meeting of the Khar Lands Development Board was held in the Secretariat at 2 p.m. today. Mr. D. K Kunte Parliamentary Secretary and Chairman of the Board, presided.

Four Khar lands schemes from the districts, costing Rs. 41,925 and covering the Khar lands area of about 1,216 acres were sanctioned for immediate development under the Khar Lands Act. The lands are expected to be brought under cultivation in the coming season. Fifteen more proposals were further discussed and it was decided that they should be taken up for development immediately after getting plans and estimates from the Public Works Department.

Industrialist Dead

BOMBAY, Thursday: The death of Rai Bahadur Hariram R. Khaitan, a prominent industrialist and millowner with large interests in Bombay and U.P., of heart failure occurred yesterday at Padrauna (U.P.), according to a report received here.

He was 58 and leaves behind him three sons and a large family to mourn the loss.

Freedom Of The Press

A.I.N.E.C. CHIEF MEETS MR. DIWAKAR

NEW DELHI, Dec. 15, (PTI): Mr. C. R. Srinivasan, President, All-India Newspaper Editors Conference with Mr. A. D. Mani, General secretary, met Mr. R. R. Diwakar, Minister of State, Information and Broadcasting and represented to him that among the, fundamental rights in the new Constitution there should be a provision specifically guaranteed freedom of the press. Mr. Diwakar told him that the provision regarding freedom of expression which now appears in the Constitution guaranteed also the freedom of the press and that therefore no specific guarantee was legally necessary. Mr. Diwakar, it is understood has assured Mr. Srinivasan that freedom of the press is as dear to the Government as to the newspaper.

Mr. C. R. Srinivasan and Mr Mani will meet Prime Minister Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru tomorrow evening.

Earlier Mr. Srinivasan met the Deputy Prime Minister Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel and had a long talk with him about the problems of A.I.N.E.C. Mr. Srinivasan also met Dr. Gopichand Bhargawa, Premier of East Punjab in connection with the work of the Press Advisory Committee in East Punjab.

Mr. Srinivasan and Mr. Mani are leaving for Lucknow on Saturday where they will meet Premier Pandit Govind Ballabh Pant and editors of the U P Press. During their stay in Lucknow, they will be the guests of Mr. H. P. Mody, Governor of the United Provinces.

Mr. Srinivasan and Mr. Mani will leave for Calcutta by air on 18th. This tour has been undertaken by them in the interest of A.I.N.E.C

INCENTIVE TO MORE PRODUCTION

Prof. Ashby's Suggestions

BOMBAY, Thursday.

Prof. A. W. Ashby, Director of Agricultural Economic Research Institute of the Oxford University, suggested better utilisation of additional money earned by farmers in respect of personal amenities as a solution to India's food problem.

Prof. Ashby who has been invited by the Agricultural Society of India to advise on agricultural research, in an interview today, appreciated the efforts being taken by the Government of India to make the country self-sufficient in food, cotton and jute by a specified period, but he stated that this important problem could not be solved by merely offering better price to the cultivator as an incentive to more production.

Unless Government saw to it, he said, that the additional money that accrued to the farmer provided better amenities and facilities to him and a part of it was saved for rainy days, the farmer would not realise the usefulness of the additional money which should tempt him to produce more in order to avail of these additional amenities.

"The entre outlook of the farmer vis-a-vis his hoary habits and customs must be changed if he is to produce more," said Prof. Ashby.

In the modern State, he added, technical knowledge which the Americans would call "now-how," organising capacity and capable administration of monetary and credit systems were the main basis of industrial progress and national welfare. In the sphere of agriculture, chief and immediate requirements, he said, were incentives which would yield better and more crops. Radical improvement in yield and increase in cultivable areas which could be obtained through better irrigation schemes and supplies of fertilisers and use of better varieties would make a great contribution to food supplies and national health of India without disturbing seriously the present structure of rural society.

Multipurpose Projects For Nepal

BOMBAY, Thursday (UPI): An ambitious all-round development programme, envisaging an aerial survey of Nepal with a view to selecting suitable sites for the execution of multi-purpose projects and providing for them linking up of every district of the State with an intricate network of railways, roadways, and radio and telephone communications, would soon be taken in hand by the Government of Nepal.

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ENCOURAGING TAXIS DRIVEN BY OWNERS

Government's Scheme

BOMBAY, Thursday.

WITH the object of providing better taxi service in the mofussil, it is proposed to encourage the formation of taxi operating societies the membership of which will be restricted to the owner drivers and the non-owner drivers provided they hold authorisation to drive taxis, says a press note.

The main policy underlying the scheme is to exclude non-driver financiers from the scheme, to limit the number of taxi permits to a maximum number of two for each individual member and to achieve the ultimate object of the scheme viz., to encourage 'one taxi with one driver-owner', under the supervision of a Society or a Union pledged to afford the best possible service to travelling public and to enforce discipline among its members by co-operation with the transport authorities. The existing operators with more than two taxi permits could transfer the excess permits to their brothers or sons holding valid authorisation to drive taxis.

After six months from the date of this announcement, the transport authorities will not renew permits in excess of two held by the same individual who will also be required to possess an authorisation to drive taxis. He will be allowed one year's time from the date of this announcement to fall in line with the scheme, if he so desires.

SOCIETIES OF EX-SERVICEMEN

The scheme will also be governed by the policy to issue taxi permits in future, preferably to members of the Unions or Associations constituted to conform with the policy stated above and to ex-servicemen's societies constituted predominantly by ex-servicemen with permanent Bombay domicile provided the constitution and bye-laws in each case are first approved by the Government.

The scheme which is already in operation in the districts of Poona, Ahmedabad and Nasik will now be made application to Baroda.

Those who are interested in forming such associations and societies for the operation of taxi trade should submit a scheme with a set of draft bye-laws and details of financial resources (in duplicate) to the Secretary to the Government of Bombay, Home Department, for approval. The Secretary, Regional Transport Authority of the Region concerned, if approached, will advise regarding the broad principles to be embodied in the constitution of such societies.

CRICKET MATCH AT STADIUM

Traffic Arrangements

BOMBAY, Thursday.

The Commissioner of Police, Bombay, has issued orders for regulation of the traffic in the vicinity of Brabourne Stadium during the period of the Second Cricket Test Match between India and the Commonwealth teams from December 16 to 20, both days inclusive.

The traffic arrangements, which will be in operation between 10 a.m. and 6-30 p.m. on those days, will be as under:

(1) (a) Dinshaw Watcha Road will be closed to west bound traffic i.e., entry only from Marine Drive between the hours of 10-15 a.m. and 11-30 a.m. and 1-15 p.m. and 2-00 p.m. (b) Between 12-30 p.m. and 1-15 p.m. and 5-00 p.m. and 5-30 p.m. Dinshaw Watcha Road will be closed to east bound traffic i.e., no entry from Marine Drive.

(2) No parking will be permitted on the south side of Churchgate Street from the Eros Junction to its junction with Marine Drive between the hours of 10-00 a.m. and 5-30 p.m.

(3) PARKING OF CARS —(a) Onwers driven cars of spectators entering the C.C.I. Club House will be parked in the compound of the C.C.I. and on the south side of Dinshaw Watcha Road. (B) Chauffeur driven cars will be parked on the open plot of ground south of Dinshaw Watcha Road and on Jamshedji Tata Road (South).

MEDIUM AND COARSE CLOTH PRICES

Reasons For Increase Explained

BOMBAY, Thursday.

In view of the reduction of 6 per cent on the margin of fine cloth as fixed by the Government of India, the Bombay Government had no alternative but to raise slightly the margin on coarse and medium cloth by 1½ per cent., says the Director of Publicity, Government of Bombay today.

Replying to comments which have recently appeared in the press regarding the increase in the maximum selling price of medium and coarse cloth from 12½ to 14 per cent, the Director of Publicity adds that in view of decision by the Government of India to reduce the retail selling prices of all varieties of cloth manufactured during November 1949 and onwards from 20 per cent to 14 per cent, it was found that it would not be possible to continue the old margin of 12½ per cent for medium and coarse cloth as this margin would not have covered the commission allowed in the case of intermediate agencies as well as the other expenses which Government had to incur before the cloth reached the final consumer.

THE WEATHER

POONA, Dec. 15, (PTI): Following is the daily weather summary for Thursday, Dec. 15, 1949:—

Weather has been mainly dry over the country.

Night temperatures have fallen in north-west India, the west United Provinces and the south Deccan.

Ahmedabad 85 64 0 0 0; Ahmednagar 87 53 0 0 minus 0.2; Allahabad 77 49 0 0 minus 0.2; Bangalore 79 58 0 0 minus 0.3; Baroda 89 53 0 0 0; Belgaum 83 54 0 0 minus 0.1; BOMBAY 86 67 0 0 0; Calcutta 78 53 0 0 minus 0.1; Colombo 88 70 0 1.6 minus 1.3; Delhi 72 44 0 0 minus 0.2; Hyderabad (Dn) 84 52 0 0 minus 0.2; Lucknow 75 — 0 0 minus 0.1; Madras 84 68 0 0 minus 3.1; Mahabaleshwar 78 60 0 0 minus 0.2; Mysore 80 60 0 0 minus 0.3; Nagpur 82 53 0 0 minus 0.1; Poona 87 55 0 0 minus 0.1; Sholapur 87 55 0 0 minus 0.2; Simla 51 36 0 0 minus 0.6; Surat 93 58 0 0 0

The Pulse Of The City

LIFE SENTENCE: Sessions Judge Honavar sentenced, Thursday, Gulam Ghaus Abdul Shakoor to transportation for life for the murder of Idoo Khudabux. On May 8 last, there was a quarrel between Shakoor and Khudabux, following which the accused is reported to have stabbed the deceased with a knife as a result of which the latter died.

EASY ACCOMMODATION: The Bombay C.I.D. arrested, Wednesday, Shambhudata Shivdatta Misra, a landlord of Kharon a charge of cheating in respect of Rs. 1,000 which he is alleged to have received as three months' rent in advance from a tenant. The police said that Misra knew that the flat he was renting had already been requisitioned by the Controller of Accommodation, Bombay and that he was not authorised to rent it directly.

A CLUE FOR REUNION: One of the slides exhibited on the screen at the Metro Cinema, matinee show, Wednesday gave the clue for the strange re-union of two brothers. Mr. Y. S. Prabhu, of 22nd Warden Road, who was attending the show, noticed a slide on the screen which was signed by his brother and indicated his full address at Poona. Immediately he rushed out of the theatre, contacted the manager who gave him the address. The gentleman, it is said, had lost touch with his dear brother, more than six years ago, when the latter had joined the Army. He had given him up as lost.

ASSAULT: The Manager of the Hindusthan Vanaspati Manufacturing Company, Sewri, was assaulted by some unknown persons, Wednesday evening, while he was returning home from the factory. He was slightly injured. No arrests so far.

APPEAL: Their Lordships Justice Rajadhyaksha and Justice Chainani at the Bombay High Court admitted an appeal filed by Pheroz J. Zaveri, a dealer in second-hand motor cars against the sentence of six months' rigorous imprisonment and a fine of Rs. 1,000 imposed on him by a Presidency Magistrate for contravening the provisions of the Opium Act.

HOUSE-BREAKERS 'HOUSED': Six persons were arrested, Wednesday, in connection with the breaking-open of the godown of Amrit Lal and Company in the Byculla Area on the night of December 8, when goods worth Rs 1,726 were stolen.

DOWN TO DEATH: Abdul Majid, a Muslim fell from the parapet of the Byculla Mosque into the tank attached to the mosque and died soon after.

SQUATTER: The Gamdevi Police arrested, Wednesday, Baburao Manohar Shukla, a resident of Chowpatty on charge of breaking open the lock of a room and forcibly occupying the same in the absence of its owner.

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Today's Engagements

THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY: Harikirtan at Besant Hall, French Bridge 6-15 p.m.

UNITED LODGE OF THEOSOPHISTS: Study class on 'Theosophical Teachings' at Jehangir Wadia Building, Fort 6-15 p.m.

SARWODAYA KALA MANDIR: Variety entertainment programme of the Kalamandir at Bharatiya Vidya Bhuvan Hall, Chowpatty 6-30 p.m.

WADIA JUBILEE CELEBRATION: Public meeting at Cama Hall at 6 p.m. when an address will be presented to Prof. P. A. Wadia on his completion of fifty years of educational service. Dr. P V. Kane will preside.

BOMBAY UNION OF JOURNALISTS: Swami Sri Yogendra, of Yoga Institute will meet members of the Union and give a demonstration of Yoga at their Club, Prospect Chambers Annexe, Hornby Road today (Friday) at 3-30 p.m

INQUIRY INTO SUGAR INDUSTRY

Tariff Board's Visit To Belapur

BOMBAY, Thursday

In connection with the inquiry into the sugar industry, Mr. G. L. Mehta, President and D. B. V. Narayanaswamy, Naidu member, Indian Tariff Board, will be proceeding on a two-day visit to Belapur, where they will visit the Belapur Company on December 17 and the Maharashtra Sugar Mill the next day. They are leaving Bombay by Punjab Mail on Friday, and will be returning on December 19

TODAY'S RADIO

Air News From Delhi

English—8 a.m., 1-30 p.m. 6, 9; Gujerati—8-45 a.m., 1 p.m., 8-15; Hindustani 8-15 a.m. 1-40 p.m., 6-10, 9-15; Kannada—7-45 a.m., 7-45 p.m.; Malayalam—7-30 a.m., 7-30 p.m.; Marathi—8-30 a.m., 12-50 p.m., 8; Tamil 7-15 a.m., 2 p.m., 7-15 Telugu—7 a.m., 1-50 p.m., 7.

Bombay

FRIDAY, DEC. 16.

7-30 a.m. Bhor Bhaee, bhajan, 7-35 Physical education, 7-45 Ajit Merchant, pad and lokgeet, 8-15 S. C. R. Bhatt, khayal vilambit, 10-25 Commonwealth XI vs. India match commentary, 12-00 p.m. Ajit Merchant, geet, 1-40 Rawicz and Landauer, piano, 1-50 Test match commentary, 4-0 Test match commentary, 5-5 S. K. Abhyankar, bhimpalas, 5-15 J. P. Mohile, flute, 5-30 Sulochana Mhapsekar, purvi, 6-10 Music lessons, 6-30 S. C. R. Bhatt, maligaura, 7-20 G. Pad by Amritlal, 7-30 J. P. Mohile, flute, 7-45 Kamgar Sabha, 9-15 Ajit Merchant, geets, 9-30 Film songs, 9-45 Tradition and Experiment (Painting) by R. Chatterji, 10-0 Phyllis Jeffery, contralto, 10-15 Old, new and borrowed, by Marzban.

VARIATIONS—8-0 a.m. J. P. Mohile, flute, 8-45 Gulab Anaokar, light songs, 1-0 p.m. Gulab Anaokar (Gireesh), 1-10 p.m. Rangbhoomi, 6-0 Bhajan and geet, 6-20 Calling rural listeners, 8-15 Gulab Anaokar, geets, 8-30 Amhala achech kuthevav, by P. L. Deshpande. 8-45 Month's song (M). 9-0 Sitar and flute, 10-0 Sarson ke phool (H) by S. Badayuni, 10-30 Sulochana Mhapsekar, bihag.

Baroda

7-30 Sarangi duet, 7-40 Physical jerks, 8-15 Ustad Faiyaz Khan, alap and nomtom, 5-30 p.m. Film fare and variety, 6-10 instrumental quartet, gauri, 6-20 Ghazal and dadra, 6-30 for rural listeners, 7-0 geets, 7-15 orchestral compositions, 7-30 Air chorus party, bhajans, 7-45 Bharatya Jeevandrushti (G) by R. Parikh, 8-0 Rag Sangeet, 8-30 Sagar Mistry, G. songs, 8-45 Ustad Faiyaz Khan, Thumri Mishra-Khamaj, 9-15 Bharatiya Sangeet, 9-30 Ustad Faiyaz Khan Alap and nomtom.

Ahmedabad

7-40 a.m. Physical jerks, 7-45 Vilas Khandekar, khyal Ramkali, 8-15 R. More Tabla par gat tora, 8-30 R. Vyas, geets, 6-20 p.m. Rang bhoomina geeto, 6-30 For industrial workers, 7-0 R. Vyas, geets, 7-30 Dwanda and samuh geets, 7-45 Bharatiya Jeevandrashti by Parikh (G), 8-0 R. More, tabla par gat tora, 8-30 R. Vyas, geet, 8-45 Raag Bahar. 9-30 V. Khandekar, khayal malkaus.

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GENERAL OVERSEAS SERVICE: 7 a.m. Music in Miniature. 7-30 Meet the Commonwealth. 8 Sandy Macpherson ate the Theatre Organ. 8-45 B.B.C. Scottish Orchestra. 10 Primo Scala and his Accordeon Band. 11 Sports Review. 11-15 Listener's Choice. 11-45 United Nations Report. 12 Dance Music. 12-45 p.m. Light Orchestral Music. 1-30 The Voortrekkers. 2 Small Band Music. 2-15 Musical shows of the 1940s. 2-30 British Concert Hall. 3-30 introducing Shakespeare. 3-45 Listeners' Choice. 4-45 Think of These Things. 5 From the Third Programme. 5-45 Let's Make Music. 6-45 Tome Jones Trio. 7 Merchant Navy Programme. 7-15 Work And Worship. 7-45 B. B. C. Northern Orchestra. 8-45 The Voortrekkers. 9-15 World Affairs. 9 45 The Norman Brooks Orchestra. 10-20 The Debate Continues.

EASTERN SERVICE:

7-30 Book of World. 8 Aj ka Khel. 8-30 Mahila Samaj. 8-45 Ham Se Puchiye.

B.B.C News Schedule and Metre bands 6-30 a.m.—31 and 41. 8-30 31 and 41; 9-30—31; 11-30—19 and 25. 12-30 p.m. —13 and 19; 4-30—13 and 16; 6-30—13 and 16; 9 30—19 and 31.

NAVY DAY TOMORROW

Full Programme

H.M.I.S. "Delhi" open to visitors from 8-30 a.m. to 12-30 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Launches will be available from Gateway of India at a small cost.

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H.M.I Dockyard open to visitors from 8-30 a.m. to 12-30 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. H.M.I Ships 'Jumna' and "Tir" berthed alongside the Breakwater will also be open to visitors during this time. Displays inside the Dockyard will include the following:

Fire Fighting Demonstration, near Duncan Dock.

Diving Display in Torpedo Dock from 9-30 a.m. to 11-30 a.m., and from 2-30 p.m. to 4-30 p.m.

H.M.I.S. "Hamla", a shore establishment situated at Marve, near Malad, will be open to visitors from 8-30 a.m. to 5 p.m and will provide a display of various types of Landing Craft and short cruises in Landing Craft.

Route March of Naval contingents led by the R.I.N. Band, commencing at 9-30 a.m., along the following route: Castle Barracks, Elphinstone Circle, Churchgate Street, Flora Fountain, Hornby Road, Bori Bunder, Cruickshank Road, Dhobi Talao, Mahatma Gandhi Road, Queen Victoria Statue, Mayo Road, Prince of Wales Statue, Cooperage Road, Ormiston Road, Electric House, Strand Road, Apollo Bunder Road, Museum, Old Custom House Road, Castle Barracks.

Information Booths at Flora Fountain and Bori Bunder traffic islands.

B.P.H.A Senior Division Hockey League Match between R.I.N. 'A' team and Tata Sports Club at 4-20 p.m. at the Cooperage, under the distinguished patronage and in the presence of H.E. The Governor of Bombay. The game will be followed by the Naval ceremony of "Beating the Retreat" by the R.I.N. Band. Proceeds of the game will go towards the R.I.N. Benevolent Association. Admission Rates Rs. 1-5, As. 10, As. 4. Reduced rates for Servicemen in Uniform.

"Navy Day Revue"—A Variety Show presented by Leading Screen Stars in aid of the R.I.N. Benevolent Association under the distinguished patronage and in the presence of Her Excellency Rani Maharaj Singh, at 9-30 p.m at the Regal Theatre. Admission Rates—Rs. 50; Rs. 25; Rs. 10.

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One of the purposes of Navy Day is to bring the people and the Navy together so that the former may get to know their defenders in the way they should and realise that they have in their Navy a Service of which they can be justly proud.

BOMBAY, Dec. 15 (P.T.I.): Mr. N. S. Sen left here this morning by air for Delhi "en-route" to Bangkok to take up his new post as transport consultant with the United Nations Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East.

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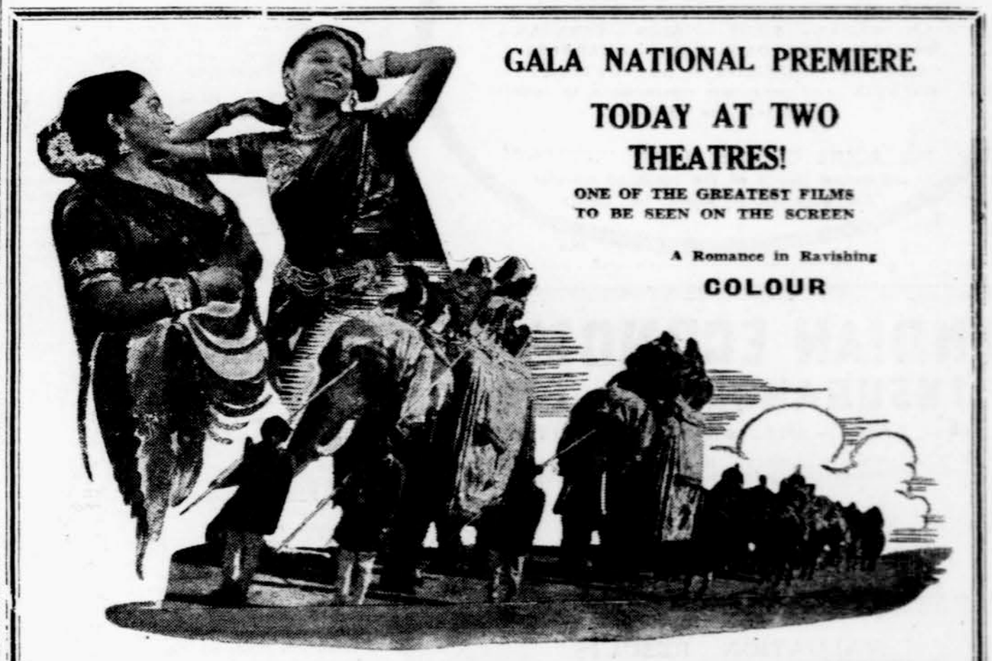
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Indo Pakistan Trade Rift

Pact Threatened With Annulment

Dispute Over Jute Hardens

CALCUTTA, Dec. 15 (P T I).

THE India-Pakistan Trade Agreement is threatened with annulment, according to information reaching here today from East Bengal.

This possibility of the rupture of Inter-Dominion trade relations was stated to be imminent, as a sequel to the deadlock which followed India's devaluation of currency and Pakistan's "no devaluation" decision nearly two months ago.

Reports received here from Pakistan showed that the annulment of the Inter-Dominion trade agreement is anticipated as the climax of some exchange of telegrams between the Indian and Pakistan Governments on the hold-up, by the East Bengal authorities, of 500,000 bales of raw jute bound for India.

The Government of India urged the Pakistan Government to order the immediate release of this shipment of raw jute, already loaded in barges. The jute in question, it was claimed, was purchased by Indian buyers before Pakistan took her 'no devaluation' decision.

COUNTER-CHARGES

It was also reported that Pakistan Jute Board, to whom representations were made by Indian jute interests, had failed to take a judicial attitude in regard to this question and that the Indian Government later suggested that the dispute jute might first be released by Pakistan and the whole matter then referred to arbitration.

It was understood that Karachi, while considering this suggestion, levelled certain counter-charges against India of alleged violation of the Inter-Dominion trade agreement.

Reports received here from Pakistan today indicated that the Inter-Dominion controversy, which has been steadily hardening, will soon result in the annulment of the India-Pakistan trade agreement.

The first major consequence of such a development will be that Pakistan will have to do without Indian coal—2,3000,000 tons annually, as provided for in the Inter-Dominion trade agreement.

COMMODITIES

Under the trade agreement, important commodities which India agreed to supply, included, besides the 2,300,000 tons of coal, 4,000,000 bales of cloth and yarn, 50,000 tons of jute manufacturers, 80,000 tons of iron and steel. In return, Pakistan agreed to supply India mainly 5,000,000 bales of raw jute, 650,000 bales of cotton and 175,000 tons of foodgrains.

Commercial and financial dealings between the two countries came to an abrupt impasse on the devaluation issue and since then, in the words of Dr. John Matthai, the policy of the Pakistan Government has been "gradually to sever economic ties between the two countries."

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BHILS ATTACK POLICE PARTY

Surrender On Arrival Of Heavy Reinforcements

JAIPUR, Dec. 14 (P.T.I.): A Sub-Inspector of police and a constable were attacked and seriously injured by some Bhils and they were confined in a temple for a night, when the two policemen went to Raipur village in Partabgarh sub-division last month to investigate a case in which a Bhil girl was forcibly taken away against her wishes by the relations of her first husband, according to a press note issued by the Rajasthan Government today.

The Bhils removed the two policemen the next morning to a nearby village where following the intervention of a local man they were released.

The Deputy Superintendent of Police, Partabgarh soon reached the place. Fearing that police would take action for attacking the sub-inspector and the constable, the press note added, the leader of the Bhils collected men from neighbouring vilages and fortified themselves in a temple in a hillock.

REINFORCEMENTS

The Deputy Superintendent called for reinforcements and sent word to the Bhil leader to surrender, failing which the police surrounded the hillock.

Finding themselves outnumbered the Bhils did not offer resistence and 97 persons were arrested including 10 on charge of beating the two policemen and seven others on the charge of kidnapping them. Sixteen muzzle loading guns, 22 swords and 64 arrows were seized from the Bhils.

MINIMUM WAGES SHOULD BE FIXED

Bridge Gap In Cost Of Living, Says Mukherji

LUCKNOW, Dec. 15, (UP.): Speaking on the "National minimum wage for workers in India" Dr. Radhakamal Mukherji, Head of the Department of Economics and Sociology in the Lucknow University said yesterday that the new constitution provided the principles for safeguarding a living wage for me nand women workers equally.

He emphasised that provincial Governments should begin with the fixation of statutory minimum wages in the case, first of sweated trades and industries, such as 'chikan' workers, carpet weaving, bidi making, etc, and also establishments where there was a large proportion of women and child labour, such as, rice manufacturers, road construction and building operations.

BRIDGING GAP

The present gap between wages and the cost of living, he continued, could not be bridged except by the Central Government freezing prices and bringing down the cost of living number at least to 250 level. A living wage calculated with a dearness allowance of Rs. 30 on the pre-war price level should be consolidated into the basic minimum rate and the balance made up by production bonus and some form of profit sharing.

A CONGRESS CHIEF'S COUNSEL

Character Is Prime Need Of The Hour

GWALIOR, Dec. 15 (U.P.I.): "Character stands supreme amongst all qualities of a man in building the future of a country. No nation can flourish without character and character is the prime need of the hour so far as India is concerned," observed, Mr. Kashinath Trivedi, President of the Madhya Bharat Provincial Congress Committee, while speaking at the Gram Panchayat Shivira this morning.

"Even learning", he continued, "is not so effective in this respect as character is, especially to those, who have a wish to do something constructive in any sphere of a national activity, character is the life breath for inspiring confidence amongst people. It was on the strength of this vital virtue that Gandhiji won on all fronts and led the world. He infused life and kindled light in every soul due to this divine power that he possessed'.

PAKISTAN'S SURPLUS WHEAT

Sale To Countries Other Than India

(From Our Correspondent)

KARACHI, Dec. 15: Since India has refused to buy Pakistan wheat on account of its high price following the devaluation of the Indian rupee, efforts are being made to sell the total surplus quantity of nearly five lakh tons to other countries of the world.

Acsording to Pakistan's Food Minister Pirzada Abdul Sattar, heavy demand for Pakistan's wheat has been made by various countries except U.S.A. and negotiations for the conclusion of sale agreements with them are proceeding. The Pirzada further said that 'Pakistan will easily be able to dispose of its wheat surplus' as its rates compared most favourably with those of Australian wheat. He even said that the tentative demands for Pakistan's wheat were three times than the actual surplus.

Lower Sind Barrage To Be Ready By 1954

(From Our Correspondent)

KARACHI, Dec 15: If all goes well, the Lower Sind Barrage, the second big barrage on river Indus in Sind, will be completed by 1954. Preliminary work of excavation, foundation laying, erection of buildings and work shops has already been started on the site.

DO NOT PASS HINDU CODE

Mahasabha's Plea

NAGPUR, Dec. 15 (P.T.I.): Dr. N. B. Khare, President-elect of the forthcoming Calcutta session of the Hindu Mahasabha, and 20 others leading Hindu Sabha members from Nagpur have urged the Central Government not to proceed with the Hindu Code Bill.

"If the government presses the Bill," they declared in a statement, "it will mean that the so-called democracy is a mockery and the present political party in power is abusing the trust placed in it. The attitude of the Government is a challenge to the majority of Hindus, and, if persisted in, a critical situation is bound to arise."

Asserting that the evidence collected by the Hindu Law Committee showed that a very large majority of witnesses was against the Hindu Code Bill, statement said, the Hindu law is sacred law based on religion, and no secular Government has any justification to interfere with the religious and personal law of Hindus.

SURVEY OF INDIA EXAM. RESULTS

NEW DELHI, Dec. 14, (PTI): Five hundred and sixty-five candidates applied for admission to the Survey of India (Class I and class II) examination held by the Federal Public Service Commission in July 1949. Two hundred and twentysix candidates appeared at the examination. The names and roll numbers of the 18 candidates who have qualified for appointment to the Survey of India (Class I) are given below:

Jagdish Chandra Sikka (334), K. Satyanaryanan (369) Kunwar Sukhram Singh (361), Ram Sarup Chugh (586), Viraraghava Rangan (543) Vaid Parkash Sharma (557) Mastan Singh (206), S. Vaikunthanathan (444) S. Robert Maria Louis (558) Srinivasan Krishnamurthi (477), Satnam Singh (209) T. K. Chatterjee (526) Satya Pau Larora (466) Harbhagwan Das Gulati (52), Krishnan Venkatraman (358), Manindra Lal Goswami (388), Iresh Chandra Deb (327), S. K. Viswanthan (463).

A list of candidates who have qualified for the Survey of India (Class II) Service will be published later.

HIGHER TARGET FOR PAK TEA PRODUCTION

DACCA., Dec. 12, (PTI-Reuter): The second Pakistan Tea Conference which concluded yesterday its two-day session fixed the target of tea production for the next five years at 50,000,000 pounds per year as compared to the 45,000,000 pounds produced in the current year.

Mr. Macfarquhar, Secretary Commerce Department, Government of Pakistan, presided over the session.

Improvements of the existing gardens, working of the gardens which had gone out of production due to past neglect and the bringing of suitable extra acreage under cultivation were suggested as methods which would bring about the desired increase.

TARIFF BOARD FOR PAKISTAN

CHITTAGONG, Dec. 14 (P.T.I.-Reuter): Pakistan's Minister for Commerce and Education, Mr. Fazlur Rehman assured a deputation of the Pakistan Chamber of Commerce, the Chittagong Merchants' Association and the Memon Merchants Association that a Tariff Board for Pakistan would be appointed next month.

The Minister also told the deputation that their demand for a revision of the licencing system for cotton yarn and textiles would be examined by him.

MORE KARNATAKIS RESIGN

HUBLI, Dec. 14, (PTI): Four more members of the Bombay legislature from Karnataka have tendered their resignations it is learnt today in response to the directive of the Karnataka Provincial Congress Committee on the Karnataka province issue.

The members are: G. N. Desai, (M.L.C.) Tankasali (M.L.A.) G. K. Mogali (M.L.A.) and Mrs. Yellavva Sambrani (M.L.A.)

This brings the total number of resignations to 29.

Mass Fast Threatened In Jubbulpore

UNREST AMONG GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH WORKERS

(From Our Correspondent)

JUBBULPORE, (By All-Up Mail).

NEARLY 2,000 workers employed in the Government Telegraph Workshop, Jubbulpore, have threatened to go on a mass hunger-strike if their demands are not conceded by the Government. The workers have, among other things, demanded that the retrenchment of the employees should be discontinued forthwith; the recommendations made by the Pay Re-Fixation Committee be revised to suit the interest of the workers and certain irregularities which have been going on in the Workshop should be removed.

Two B. N. Rly. officers, including one Permanent Way Inspector and another, a track inspector, were injured seriously on the night of Wednesday last when a trolly in which they had been proceeding from Umaria towards Katni, dashed gainst a dead cow and was thrown off the track at a place about 20 miles away from Katni. The injured persons were removed to Jubbulpore and admitted in the Victoria Hospital. The condition of one of them is reported to be bad, as he has sustained injuries on his head. The other person who had got a leg bone fractured is improving.

DECENTRALISATION

The Government of Central Provinces and Berar has taken yet another bold step towards the de-centralisation of authority. It is authoritatively learnt that with effect from January 1, 1950, every tahsil in the Province would start functioning as an autonomous unit and enjoy the right to have direct contact with the Government.

Under this new set-up, senior extra assistant commissioners will be appointed as additional deputy commissioners in every tahsil and they shall work as the chief executive officers of the Janapada Sabhas on the one hand and the administrators of the tahsils on the other. They shall enjoy the same powers and authority which are now being enjoyed by the deputy commissioners, who are the head of the administration in the districts. The deputy commissioners' posts will be re-named and they will be known by the name of the "divisional commissioners". They will supervise the working of the tahsil administrators within their respective districts and also implement the Govenment policy.

It is further learnt that by June 1950, the final steps will be taken by the Provincial Government towards the separation of judiciary from executive.

PRIVATE DEFENCE

Holding that she had properly exercised the right of private defence when she picked up the axe and attacked the intruder which caused his death, Justice C. R. Hemeon and Justice V. R. Sen of the Nagpur High Court, upheld the acquittal of Rajrani by the sessions judge of Saugor and dismissed the appeal that was preferred by the Provincial Government against her acquittal.

The case for prosecution, which was based on a confession by Rajrani, was that Rajrani, who had criminal intimacy with the victim-Ghanshyam, was found on the night or October 8, 1948 by her relatives Batkan and Dhandoor in bed with Ghanshyam, while her husband, Hirasingh, was away from the village. Latkan and Dhandoo killed Ghanshyam with an axe and buried the body in the court-yard. Rajrani, Latkan and Dhandoo were, therefore prosecuted for the murder of Ghanshyam, but all of them were acquitted by the sessions judge, Saugor. In the committing magistrate's court, however, Rajrani explained that she herself killed Ghanshyam when he came into her house and caught hold of her hand in order to dishonour her and denied that she had any criminal intimacy with him.

LOANS GRANTED

The Provincial Government has sanctioned two loans, one of Rs. 120,000 and another of Rs. 110,000 to the Municipal Committee, Jubbulpore. The amount of the first loan will be utilized by the committee for the construction of shops for the displaced persons inside the compound of the Anjuman High School, and it will be repaid in annual instalments of Rs. 14,000. The other loan will be used by the committee for improving the water supply arrangements for the benefit of the persons living in the "Dwarka Nagar" Kria-Pathar ward of the city where the water supply is inadequate owing to the situation of the locality on a higher level.

In view of the rapid expansion and extension of the city, the municipal committee, Jubbulpore, has ordered the Harijans and the labourers residing in the Chandalbhata area of the city to remove their hutments from the municipal land and shift themselves to some other localities. This order of the committee has caused considerable resentment among the residents of the Chandalbhata area as they are reluctant to vacate the land unless and until they are provided with another suitable plot of land in the vicinity of the city and facilities for the construction of the huts. They have threatened to resort to satyagraha if force were used to remove them from their huts.

PLAGUE IN THE CITY

Plague has been slowly but steadily tightening its hold upon the city of Jubbulpore. It was responsible for 18 attacks and 8 deaths since its appearance in the city in the first week of November. The majority of cases reported to have occurred in Jubbulpore had, in fact, arrived here from the affected areas in the district or the adjacent places.

BULLETS AND TEAR GAS FOR MYSORE SUGAR WORKERS

(From Our Correspondent)

BANGALORE, (By Mail).

Police opened fire on the workers of the Mandya Sugar Factory at Mandya, 60 miles from Bangalore, on Sunday when the workers, assembled in their Labour Association premises consequent on their earlier decision to strike from that day, refused to disperse.

Earlier the workers had gathered in their colony and the Police tear-gassed them when they refused to disperse The workers fled across the road to safety leaving behind a few persons who had become unconscious. Later they assembled in their Association premises and once again Police resorted to tear-gas when they refused to disperse. Thereafter the infuriated workers resorted to sporadic stone throwing on the police and the Reserve Police opened fire from their vans. At this stage, it is reported firing was also heard from insidethe factory premises. No information regarding this was available since the management refused to allow any body inside.

Police pickets have been posted in the factory premises.

Mr. Masti Gowda and Mr. Ramanna, President and Secretary respectively of the Mandya Sugar Company Labour Association, have been arrested by the Police in addition to a number of others taken into custody.

It will be recalled that at a special meeting of the Executive Committee of the Mysore Sugar Company Employees Association held on December 4, it was decided to call a general strike of the employees of the Company if the Management of the Company did not by that time take back the 600 workers who were either dismissed or suspended earlier for "slowing down production in the factory". The strike was decided upon after the failure of negotiations with the management by both the Minister for Labour and the Labour Commissioner in Mysore.

The Mysore Sugar Company employs about 1,500 workers and has an equal number of cane-growers.

AID TO ATLANTIC COUNTRIES

Britain Objects To U. S. Terms

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14, (PTI-Reuter): Britain objected today to the terms under which the United States proposes to supply her with weapons under President Truman's Arms-for-Allies Programme.

The objection was communicated by Sir Oliver Franks, British Ambassador, to Secretary of State, Dean Acheson.

Authoritative sources said here that Sir Oliver conveyed Britain's comments and criticisms of the draft of the proposed agreement between the United States and North Atlantic powers.

This agreement translates into diplomatic form the conditions under which the United States would supply arms to the North Atlantic powers as required by American legislation.

The sources said that Britain had not yet decided whether she wished to open negotiation of a bilateral agreement on the terms proposed.

The sources said that the possibility should not be excluded that Britain would decide not to accept the United States offer of arms and military supplies on these terms.

This would not affect Britain's determination to fulfil her military obligations under the North Atlantic Treaty But it would mean that Britain would equip herself at her own cost, without assistance from the American arms aid programme.

Officials declined to specify the nature of Britain's objection to the proposed bilateral agreement in its present form.

Token Strike In Baroda

BARODA, Dec. 14 (P.T.I.): Several trade unions in the city have decided to stage a one-day token strike in sympathy with the Baroda Maharaja's striking household employees. Trade union leaders at public meetings today appealed to the people to support the proposed token strike. The day is yet to be fixed.

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XAVIERIANS IMPROVE TO HOLD TATA'S

Drawn Games In Senior Hockey At Cooperage

BOMBAY, Thursday.

St. Xavier's College 'A' held the star-studded Tata 'A' to a goalless draw in the Senior Division of the B.P.H.A. League this evening at the Cooperage.

The honours of the game went to the collegians whose defence seldom allowed the opposing forwards any chance to get moving and the standard of the game fell for below expectations. The collegians surprisingly did all the attacking for the first twenty minutes of play but the Tata defence was never seriously troubled to hold them in check.

The Tata attack was seen in poor light and as a result their defence were kept quite busy in trying hold the speedy and nippy collegians at bay. The Tata goalkeeper was hardly even serjously tested, most of the rival raids terminating at the top of the circle.

The only real chance of scoring that the Tata's had was when they started the offensive after defending for nearly twenty minutes of the game when custodian A. Lobo saved confidently from F. Coutinho. Immediately at the other end the collegians repaid the visit when L. D'Costa had only goalkeeper Leo Pinto to beat but he pushed the ball weakly wide of his objective from a pass by H. Dias off a free hit. He neatly deceived Gentle and had only Gentle to beat but he failed to put the necessary finishing touch.

The respite found the rival teams on even terms. And after the change though the Tata's made determined attempts to get moving all their efforts were in vain for the collegian defence gave nothing away though they conceded numerous penalty corners which were well taken A. Lobo saved smartly to repeatedly foil them. L. Lobo the college right extreme worked his way well down the wing and sent across a capital centre which Leo Pinto saved but D. Vaz who was nearly attempted to push the ball into the goal off the rebound but he saved again and in the resulting scrimmage the Tata defenders managed to safely clear the ball. Towards the close of play Tata's once again forced the pace but found the opposing defence impregnable with Owen Ferreira and T. Lefebour giving a sparkling display. The last chance that Tata's had of winning the game was when Lenny D'Souza attempted a first-time reverse hit from a free-hit pass by F. Coutinho but had the misfortune of seeing it fly past the goalmouth harmlessly.

The teams were as follows:—

ST. XAVIER'S 'A': A. Lobo, O. Ferreira, and G. D'Souza, T. Lefebour, H. Dias, and C. Pereira, L. Lobo, G. Williams, D. A. Vaz, L. D'Costa, and M. D'Sa.

TATA 'A': L. Pinto, H. Carvalho, and R. S. Gentle; Perumal, G. Pereira and P. Ferrao; L. Fernandes, J. D'Mello, L. D'Souza, A. Braganza, and F. Coutinho.

UMPIRES: L. Fonseca and J. B. D'Souza.

The earlier match in same division between Bombay Port Trust 'A' and Dockyard 'A' resulted in a draw each side scoring once in the first half of play.

The Port Trust started the game with ten men and they paid the penalty for in the very first minute of play John D'Souza converted a centre by Reg Whyte which caught the entire opposing defence napping. The Port Trust came to full strength after about ten minutes of play and though they made several attempts to equalise it was not until midway through this half that they were able to get on level terms when R. Rozario ran through on his own and outwitted G. Borthwick before tapping the ball into an untenanted goal. After the change afends both sides had several opportunities of scoring but they failed to take advantage of them.

THE TEAMS WERE AS FOLLOWS:

DOCKYARD 'A': G. Borthwick, C. Lefebour and E. Bennett; P. D'Souza; Pat. D'Souza and M. D'Souza, C. Gomes, Reg. Whyte, J. D'Souza, Ken. Lefebour, and T. D'Souza.

B.P.T. 'A': A. Crasto, P. Dias and J. Rego; G. Fernandes, R. Fernandes, and T. Gomes; O. Fernandes, R. Rozario, L. D'Souza, J. Fernandes, and P. Joseph.

UMPIRES: T. B. D'Souza and A. Pearce.

BOMBAY LEADS BY A MATCH

Inter-Provincial Badminton Final

CALCUTTA, Dec. 15 (PTI).

After first day's play Bombay led Bengal by two matches to one in the Inter-Provincial Badminton Championships final, now being played at the local University Institute.

In the first match Thomas Cup Captain G. Lewis (Bombay) beat Sunil Bose (Capt., Bengal) in straight games. Monoj Guha (Bengal) soon equalised the score with a straight games win over Bombay's No. 1 H. Ferreira. Bombay again took the lead with the help of Mrs. Nobina Lewis. She beat Miss Purabi Bose (Bengal) in easy games.

The other match of the championship series is the mixed doubles to be played tomorrow. But if Bengal wins it to equalise the score at 2-2 another match, men's doubles will be played to decide the championship.

Following are the results:

G. Lewis (Capt. Bombay) beat Sunil Bose (Capt. Bengal) 15-7 17-15; Monoj Guha (Bengal's No. 1) beat H. Ferreira (Bombay's No. 1) 15-13 15-1.

Mrs. Nobina Lewis (Bombay) beat Miss Purabi Bose (Bengal) 11-2 11-4.

SECOND AND THIRD DIVISION HOCKEY

BOMBAY, Thursday.

The following are the results of the matches played in the Third Division of the Hockey League at the Parsi Cyclists Ground.

Dockyard 'C' 2 (N. D'Costa and Burboza) Telephone Club 1 (Misquitta).

B. I. G. Insurance S.C. 1 (D'Mello) Christ Church and Barnes 0.

Telephone Club have lodged a protest against umpire John disallowing a goal scored by Balla when the ball passed through the net.

Two players were ordered off the field in the match between Christ Church and B.I.G. Insc. as they came to blows. K. Palernott and Barnes were the players concerned.

In the Second Division matches played at the Bombay Gymkhana the results were as follows:—

Lever S. C. 'A' 0 Dockyard 'B' 0.

Juvenile S.C. 2. (Rozario, Wilford) Young Sports 'B' 0.

PAREL HOCKEY LEAGUE

BOMBAY, Thursday.

The following were the results of the matches played in the Parel Hockey League at the Police Grounds, Naigaum.

General Motors 2 (D'Souza, Dias) Khatau S.C. 0.

R.I.N. Pay Office 2 (H. D'Souza, Noronha) G.I.P. Rly. Carr. & Loco 0.

Thana District Police 1 (Jadhav) Panchgani Parsis 0.

INTER-PROVINCIAL TABLE TENNIS

Dyer And Gool Nasikwalla Drop Out Of Team

BOMBAY, Thursday.

The Bombay team for the Inter-Provincial Table Tennis Tournament to be held at Hyderabad on the December 23rd will leave Bombay by the Madras Mail on Tuesday 20th at 10 p.m.

Ossie Dyer and Mrs. Gool Nasikwalla are unable to make the trip due to unavoidable circumstances, D. H. Kapadia will take Dyer's place among the Men's representative, but Miss Enid Bocarro who was chosen to fill the vacancy is also unable to proceed owing to leave difficulty. However, Mrs. Meera Gajendrasingh will make the trip.

Entries For B.P.T.T.A. League Close Today

BOMBAY, Thursday.

The last day for sending in entries for the Bombay Provincial Table Tennis League, held by the BPTTA has been extended till tomorrow. Those teams who have not entered as yet can still send in their entries before 6 p.m. tomorrow.

Entries should be sent to Mr. V. V. Prabhu, c/o Deepak General Insurance Company, 8-10 Tamarind Lane.

East Punjab Team For National Table Tennis

SIMLA, Dec. 14 (PTI): The team to represent East Punjab Table Tennis Association, in the All India and Inter-Provincial Table Tennis Championships, to be held in Hyderabad (Dn.) at the end of December will consist of K. Surinder Singh (Captain), Narinder Mohanlal, Dhan Raj, Berinder Singh, Gajinder Singh and Rajinder Singh.

The team will include the following ladies:—

Mrs. A. Partap Singh, Mrs. V. Rajagopalan and Mrs. Oan Bose.

In the Day's Sport

CRICKET

Brabourne Stadium:
10-45 a.m. Commonwealth XI vs. An Indian XI (Second Unofficial Test Match)

HOCKEY

Cooperage:
3-45 p.m. G.I.P. Rly. 'B' vs. Catholic Gymkhana
4-45 p.m. Goan Sports vs. B. B. & C. I. 'A'

St. Xavier's College Ground, Parel:
3 p.m. BPT 'B' vs. Ruia
4 p.m. Ordnance S.C. vs. G. B. Police 'B'
5 p.m. BEST vs. St. Xavier's Assn.

Parsi Cyclists Ground:
3 p.m. Bombay Gas S.C. vs. B.S.N. S. C.
4 p.m. Young Comrades 'B' vs. Cathedral Old Boys (3rd Division)

BILLIARDS

Byculla Y.M.C.A.:
6 p.m. I. M. Wilson (—350) vs. D. K. Nasta (—350).
8-15 p.m. T. A. Hilder (—50) vs. J. K. Wagle (—225).

CAPTAIN MANN WEDS

F. G. Mann, the Middlesex and England Cricket Captain, was married to Miss Margaret Clark, eldest daughter of Mr. W. Marshall Clark, General Manager of the South African Railways, at St. George's Church, Parktown, Johannesburg, South Africa. Best man at the wedding was Lord Inchcape, who was a contemporary of the bridegroom's at Eton College. The couple are spending their honeymoon motoring through South Africa, and plan to leave for England early in January. Mr. Mann is a director of a London brewary firm. Picture shows: F. G. Mann and his bride leaving the Church after the wedding ceremony.—Reuter Photo.

MRS. DAYAL BEATS MISS KHANNA

Bengal Lawn Tennis Championships

CALCUTTA, Dec. 15 (PTI).

Mrs. Leela Dayal, former National Champion, qualified today to meet India's No. 3 Miss L. Woodbridge in the ladies singles of the Bengal Lawn Tennis Championships, now being played at the Eden Gardens, Calcutta. She beat Miss P. Khanna India's No. 2 in a three-set affair, while Miss Woodbridge got the better of Mrs. S. R. Mody in another close three-set match.

Mrs. Dayal with J. Withnell, however, lost the mixed doubles semi-final to Yugoslavia's No. 1 D. Mitic partnered by Mrs. C. E. Cargin of Calcutta, in straight sets. Mitic and Partner now await in the final the winners of Narendra Nath and Miss Khanna vs. D. Madhav Rao and Mrs. S. R. Mody match.

In the men's doubles K. B. Madan and N. Kumar will meet either D. Mitic and M. Branovic (Yugoslavia) or Sumant Misra and P. N. Murti. After today's elimination Sumant Misra, Naresh Kumar, Narendra Nath and Vishnu Mohan are the last four in the men's singles. Tomorrow Misra will oppose Narendra Nath and Kumar holder Vishnu Mohan to enter the final.

Kumar had some consolation this afternoon when he beat Narendra Nath, who took away the Delhi title from him a fortnight back, and Thapar with the help of Madan to enter the men's doubles final. He lost the first set 11-13, but made amends to take the next two sets conceding only 3 and 2 games respectively.

Following are the results:—

MEN'S SINGLES: (Quarter Finals): N. Kumar beat G. Vasant 6-1 6-2; S. I. Misra beat Rajen Banerji 6-3 6-5; Narendra Nath beat K. B. Madan 6-3 6-1; Vishnu Mohan beat J. Tew 2-6 6-4 6-2.

LADIES SINGLES (Semi-Finals): Mrs. L. Dayal beat Miss P. Khanna 2-6 6-4 6-4; Miss L. Woodbridge beat Mrs. S. R. Mody 7-5 7-9 6-2.

MEN'S DOUBLES: (Semi-Finals): K. B. Madan and N. Kumar beat Narendra Nath and B. M. Thapar 11-13 6-3 6-2.

MIXED DOUBLES: (Semi-Final): D. Mitic and Mrs. C. E. Cargin beat J. Withnell and Mrs. L. Dayal 6-4 6-4.

This Time A Divorce

MELBOURNE, Dec. 15. (PTI-Reuter).

Mrs Maureen Constance Pepper, aged 27, was today granted a decree nisi in Sydney divorce court against the Australian all-round cricketer, Cecil Pepper, on the ground of his adultery with an unknown woman in England.

A private inquiry agent said in an affidavit that Pepper booked a room with an unknown woman in a Manchester hotel last year.

Pepper, who was in the Commonwealth cricket team now touring India, returned to England last week. A former New South Wales player, Pepper plays league cricket for Burnley. He made a great name with the Australian Services side which toured England just after the war.

"Last Race" Cook Decides To Stay At Home

MELBOURNE, Dec. 14 (PTI-Reuter): Australia's famed Jockey W. Cook, said today that he had lucrative offers to return to England for the 1950 flat racing season.

He arrived at this decision for "family reasons" and because the heavy programme involved too much travelling.

Cook known as "last race Cook" because he so often wins the last race on the card—he did this several times in England—returned home a few months ago after a successful English visit in which he rode 42 winners.

CALCUTTA, Dec. 14 (P.T.I.): Calcutta University qualified to meet Lucknow University in the North Zone final of the Inter-Varsity Badminton Championship by beating Allahabad University by three matches to nil here tonight. The final will be played here on 16 and 17.

TEAMS FOR TODAY'S "TEST"

BOMBAY, Friday.

The following are the teams that will participate in the second unofficial test match which starts tomorrow at the Brabourne Stadium:—

COMMONWEALTH

J. Livingston (Capt.)
Fred Freer.
Frank Worrell.
Jack Holt
Bill Alley
Lambert
Langdon
Jack Pettiford
George Tribe
Oldfield
Ray Smith
Place.

INDIA

Vijay Merchant
M. K. Mantri
Russi Mody
Vijay Hazare
D. G. Phadkar
H. Adhikari
B. B. Nimbalkar
Vinoo Mankad
P. R. Umrigar
C. S. Nayudu
C. Rangachari.

Excellent Track Work By Stylish Lady And Just Wait

By Our Track Reporter

BOMBAY, Thursday.

THE famous filly, Gamble for Love, which is expected to walk away with the 1000 Guineas on Saturday has been sparingly worked. Tried over three furlongs she returned a timing of 36 secs. She was hard held through the journey.

Among the others to impress were Summer Lightning, Just Wait and Black Magic.

The following are the track-trials noted at Mahaluxmi:—

OUTER TAN

COURAGE (Kheem) disposed of ZALIM (Antoo) when engaged in a four furlongs burst. He returned 52 secs.

KHUNDIL (Kheem) and SON OF A GUN (Antoo) moved over four furlongs in 52 secs.

LOCHINVAR (R.B.) and MAH-I-NAU (R.B.) covered seven furlongs in 1 min. 39 secs.

THE JUDGE (Bhoor) held FASHION PARADE (R.B.) when covering nine furlongs in 2 mins. 6 secs.

KHAN SAHEB (Deshmukh) and RAO SAHIB (Kasbekar) did an easy nine furlongs trial in 2 mins. 7 seconds.

GAME BID (Aurobinda) showed out from THE GIRL FRIEND (Hanuman) and HOODED TERROR (R.B.) was far behind when engaged in a mile gallop. Timing 1 min. 51 secs.

TRUNK CALL (Bhoor) made the last five furlongs in 1 min. 7⅘ secs.

NASRULLAH (Rickaby) negotiated a mile in 1 min. 52 secs. at a fair pace.

STYLISH LADY (Rickaby) moved attractively over nine furlongs. She was in hand and clocked 2 mins. 5 secs.

ANANT LAKSHMI (Rickaby) and PLAY ON (Khade) were sent on slow work over a mile. They cut the distance in 1 min. 55 secs.

WHO'S THAT (HANUMAN) shaped better than MISS RUTTY (R.B.) when covering the last six furlongs in 1 min. 22⅘ secs.

BLUE LOTUS (Argade) hard held had the measure of PIXIE PARTY (Cunningham) when making the last seven furlongs in 1 min. 36⅕ secs.

AAFRIN (Whiteside) moved unextended and clocked 1 min. 9⅗ secs. for five furlongs.

GAMBLE FOR LOVE (Kheem) has been sparingly worked. She covered three furlongs in 36 secs. The famous filly was well in hand and should return the easy winner of 1000 Guineas on Saturday.

COURAGE (Antoo) and NEOLA (Kheem) did a three furlongs spurt in 36 1/5 secs.

RACE TRACK

SUMMER LIGHTNING (Dpffy) had the measure of QUEEN ANNE (Nolan) and MACK (R.B.) when covering the last six in 1 min. 20 secs. The first-named moved stylishly and is in peak farm.

DOWN SOUTH (D'Monte) strode in front of LITTLE STAR (Damodar) while the third companion STRIDING EDGE (R.B.) was two lengths behind at the end of a gallop over six furlongs. Timing 1 min. 19⅘ secs.

JUST WAIT (Chavan) was closely attended by AMAN (Guman Singh) while RUSTUM (Whiteside) was not extended over the last furlong. They made seven furlongs in 1 min. 33 secs.

RUKSHANA (Duffy) spared a length from THUNDERER (Medhe) when negotiating a mile in 1 min. 48 secs. A fit pair.

RAGHU (R. Bhosle), JE REVIENS (R.B.), FLOTILLA (Chavan) and BHOPAL STAR (K. Hassan) were placed in close order when covering six furlongs in 1 min. 20 secs.

LONDON TAN (R.B.) AYAAZ (Kadam) and QUEEN ELIZABETH (Jones) covered a mile in 1 min. 48⅕ secs.

DESERT KNIGHT (Rickaby) held TORRIN (Nolan) and MR. RAMBLER (Whiteside) when working over seven furlongs in 1 min. 35 secs. The first named may fluke up any day.

SHAH FREDOON (Chavan) moved on tightreins when covering the last seven in 1 min. 37 secs.

GAY PILOT (Medhe) did a speedy display over a mile in 1 min. 47⅕ secs.

LALAJI (R.B.) covered a mile in 1 min. 51 secs.

WAHDINA (Chavan) VIVECA (K. Hassan) STAR SAPHIRE (R.B.) and GEORGETTE (R.B.) covered the last five in 1 min. 5 secs.

TODAY'S SPURTS ON TAN-TRACK

BLACK MAGIC (Medhe) and GLORY OF INDIA (R.B.) outstrode FURAT (R.B.) and clocked 35-1/5 secs. The first-named should win on this moving.

RAO SAHEB (Kasbekar) disposed of JAI MALHAR (Deshmukh) when covering three furlongs in 37 secs.

AAFRIN (Whiteside) prevailed narrowly over BRILLIANT SUNSHINE (J. Bhosle) when worked over four furlongs from 9 to 5. She returned 52⅕ secs.

GOLD LEGION (Purtu) covered three furlongs in 37 secs.

HAPPY KING (Mulla) was speedier than SWEET LOVE (R.B.) when engaged in a three furlongs spurt. Timing 38 secs.

RAJGURU (J. Bhosle) had the measure of ALL-IN-ALL (K. Hassan) when moving over three furlongs in 37⅕ secs.

GHOPPY (Chavan) beat IMROZE (R.B.). Three furlongs were covered in 37 secs.

TRUNK CALL (J. Bhosle) put an excellent four furlongs spurt from 9 to 5 in the company of FASHION PARADE (Bhoor Singh). Timing 52 secs.

MAH-I-NAU (Md. Khan) had the measure of LOCHINVAR (Cunningham) when covering three furlongs in 37 secs.

NASRULLAH (Jones) was a neck infront of THE JUDGE (Z. K. Khan) when worked over three furlongs. They clocked 36 secs.

ARMY AND NAVY (Shiba) spured four lengths from SAITA (Medhe) and timed three furlongs in 37 secs. Army and Navy may take us by surprise one of these days.

FLYING MISS (Whiteside) was very speedy and a couple of lengths ahead of NEAR IMAGE (Guman) when travelling three furlongs in 37 secs.

CHOCOLATE BABY (Jones) moved strongly at the end when worked over four furlongs along with AZAD HIND (Kan Singh). She recorded 52 secs.

BATTLE OUT (Ghans Khan) held QUEEN'S CUP (Sethna) when clocking 51⅕ secs. for a four furlongs spurt.

BEAU SCARLET (Dinmd.) TORRENT (A. Ahmed) and ABDEL (Z. Khan) were in the order mentioned when negotiating four furlongs in 52 secs.

PROSPERO (Chavan) moved impressively when tried with RASHTRAPATI (Jai Singh) over three furlongs from 8 to 5. He recorded 37⅕ secs. Prospero's winning turn is close at hand.

ALL-INDIA BADMINTON

CALCUTTA, Dec. 15 (PTI).

Following are the results of the matches of the All India Badminton Championships played here tonight:

LADIES DOUBLES (Semi-Final): Mrs. Acharya and Miss Tambe (CIP) beat Mrs. Drumond and Mrs. Pinto (U.P.) 15-5 18-16.

MIXED DOUBLES (Quarter-Final): Miss Farias and H. Ferreira (Bombay) beat Miss P. Anand and Gurupersad (East Punjab) 15-10 11-15 15-7.

SEMI-FINAL: Mr. and Mrs. Lewis (Bombay) beat Davinder Mohan (Bombay) and Mrs. Pinto (U.P.) 15-5 7-15 15-8.

MEN'S DOUBLES (Quarter-Final): Sunil Bose and Monoj Guha (Bengal) beat R. K. Seth and T. N. Seth (U.P.) 15-4 15-11; G. Lewis and Davinder Mohan (Bombay) beat Amrit Dewan and S. L. Jain (Delhi) 15-5 15-3; Gurupersad (E. P.) and Chiranjitlal beat Bishu Banerjee and Keshav Dutt (Bengal) 15-10 15-4.

CRICKET COMMENTARY FROM STADIUM

Change In Wave Length Announced

BOMBAY, Thursday.

Consequent upon an interim change in the wave-lengths of the shortwave transmitters of All India Radio, Bombay, the Cricket Commentary from the Brabourne Stadium from 4-0 P.M. onwards from the 16th to the 20th December, 1949, can be heard on 244 and 41.44 metres under Bombay 'A' and 353 and 31.41 metres under Bombay 'B'.

SIDDARTH COLLEGE BOXING

BOMBAY, Thursday.

Siddarth College held their second annual boxing championships at the College premises this evening in the presence of Major F. G. Baker of the Bombay Amateur Boxing Federation.

All the fights scheduled for the evening provided a high standard of pugilism and all but one fight went the long way.

The following are the results:—

Juniors' 'B' Class:—S. A. Mendonza (93 lbs) beat K. B. Jahina (94 lbs) on points.

J. D'Cruz (105 lbs) beat P. H. Shah (*)@ lbs on points.

Seniors Flywieght Class:—A. S. Chitnis beat H. B. Kotwal on points.

S. D. Kothare beat A. M. Nasirabad

S. D. Kothare beat A. M. Nasirabadwalla on points.

Y. V. Gidh beat V. M. Parab on points.

Bantamweight Class:—R. P. Parmar beat R. K. Boyce on points.

Featherweight Class:—B. K. Madon beat J. H. Bulsara on points.

G. D. Shete beat L. J. Marolia on points.

Welterweight Class:—K. F. Tata beat R. J. Choudhary on points.

Heavyweight Class: D. D. Shete beat R. J. Antia on a T. K.O.

The referee stopped the fight in the third round.

INTER-UNIVERSITY WRESTLING

BANGALORE, Dec. 15 (PTI).

K. D. Jadhav (Poona), who represented India at the World Olympics, easily beat N. C. Parappa (Mysore) in the bantam weight, when the four-day Inter-University Wrestling Tournament commenced here today.

Three universities are taking part in the tournament. they are: Mysore, East Punjab and Poona Three other universities Allahabad, Alighar and Travancore, were expected to participate but dropped out at the last moment.

The tournament is being run on a league basis. Ten bouts were fought today.

The following are the results:—

FLY WEIGHT: T. R. Swamy (Mysore) beat T. D. Dhare (Poona) C. R. Govindarao (Mysore) beat V. P. Mane (Poona).

BANTAMWEIGHT: D. M. Patil (Poona) beat Surumal Singh (East Punjab) Tilak Raj (East Punjab) beat G. S. M. Prasad (Mysore) K. D. Jadhav (Poona) beat N. C. Parappa (Mysore).

FEATHERWEIGHT: Ramesh Bhaya (East Punjab) beat R. Mariappa (Mysore) S. B. Patil (Poona) beat on points H. N. N. Shastry (Mysore) D. S. Kharbus (Poona) beat Krishna Z9.

LIGHT WEIGHT: A. N. Shinde (Poona) beat Prithviraj (East Punjab) (Arasappa (Mysore) beat Jarmail Singh (East Punjab).

ELEVEN ACCEPT FOR FILLIES' CLASSIC

BOMBAY, Thursday.

The following are the acceptance for the Seventh Day of Winter Races to be held this Saturday at Mahaluxmi:—

THE GHOLVAD PLATE—(Div. II) 5 Furlongs.

Imroz 8-7, Liberator 8-7, Varun 8-7, Lagania 8-7, Kiyababa 8-7, Hangover 8-7, Happy King 8-7, Gun Drill 8-7, National Flag 8-7, Jasdan Star 8-7, Glamour Boy 8-7.

THE GHOLVAD PLATE—(Div. I) 5 Furlongs.

Choppy 8-7, Golden Orb 8-7, Rajguru 8-7, Gold Spa 8-7, All-in-All 8-7, Aapke Sevams 8-7, Al Hamil 8-7, Black Magic 8-7, Kaiyani 8-7, Maharaj Pramukh 8-7, Pet Hand 8-7.

THE TROMBAY PLATE—7 Furs.

Loyal Prince 9-0, Kabir 9-0, Zalim 9-0, Won Thousand 9-0, Thunderer 9-0, Rajaji 9-0, Treasure Toy 9-0, Shah Freedom 9-0, Star of Iran 9-0, Masquerade 9-0, Little Star 9-0, Desert Knight 9-0, Solo Banco 9-0, Pyare Saheb 9-0, Mis Pierrot 8-11, Pick Pocket 9-0, Pessu Pasha 9-0, Maqbul 9-0, Taron 8-11, Cool and Collected 8-11, Aafrin 8-11, Cherry Blossom 8-11, Salamat 8-11.

THE KARACHI PLATE—(Div. II) 7 Furs.

Rashtrapati 9-2, Tamanna 9-2, D Day 8-12, MacDonald 8-10, Down South 8-4, Hikmet 8-2, Nizamuddin 8-1, Merry Windsor 8-0, Just Wait 7-11, Lochinvar 7-10, Battle Out 7-9, Gay Sire 7-8.

THE INDIAN 1,000 GUINEAS (1949) 1 Mile.

Gamble for Love 8-7, Queen Anne 8-7, Anant Lakshmi 8-7, Willow Stream 8-7, Flying Princess 8-7, Neola 8-7, Rukhsana 8-7, Wahdina 8-7, Viveca 8-7, Flying Miss 8-7, Queen Elizabeth 8-7.

THE BARODA CUP—Distance 1 mile.

Royal Crusader 9-2, Khan Saheb 9-2, Rao Saheb 7-0, Jawahir 8-13, Chakori 8-13, Happy Go Lucky 8-3, Raghu 8-10, Je Reviens 7-0, Near Image 8-10, Rana Pratap 8-10, Gay Pilot 8-9, Velino 8-8, Hamac 7-0, Flying Dragon 8-7, Diniar 8-5, Pixie Party 8-4, Star of Mahad 8-3, Royal Mantle 8-0, Khundil 8-0, Chocolate Baby 7-12, Adeline 7-12.

THE VIRAR PLATE.—Distance Blue Lotus 9-3, Courage 8-11, Game Bid 8-10, Summer Lightning 8-10, Pay Master 8-7, Stylish Lady 8-7, Goodwill 8-5, Nirvana 8-4, Taslaroon 8-3, Nasrullah 8-3, Prospero 8-0, Windsor Park 7-13, Windsor Knight 7-9, The Judge 7-11, Sohni 7-9.

THE KANARA PLATE.—Distance 1 1/4 miles.

Mack 9-4, Torrent 9-0, Battle Song 8-13, Ijjat 8-11, Kotidhwaj 8-9, Adorable 8-9, Fashion Parade 8-7, Banshee 8-7, Queen's Cup 8-7, Lalaji 8-7, King's Cup 8-5, Gipsy Bill 8-5, Brilliant Sunshine 8-2, Ginger Lady 8-1, Lizalee 7-13, Miss Rutty 7-7, Jai Malhar 7-5, Crepe de Chine 7-3, Army and Navy 7-2.

THE KARACHI PLATE Division I—Distance 7 furlongs.

Gold Legion 9-2, Phone Again 9-0, Deuce of Clubs 9-0, Man-I-Nau 8-13, Panditji 8-12, Saita 8-12, Azad Hind 8-5, Lady Doctor 8-4, Great Lady Anand (East Punjab) beat Miss K. 8-3, Trunk Call 7-12, Furat 7-11.

HANDICAP BILLIARDS TOURNAMENT

M. Concessio Strikes Good Form

BOBMAY, Thursday.

In the handicap Billiards Tournament for Alec Sequeira Cup being played at Y.M.C.A. Byculla, M. Concessio having a handicap of -350 points was playing A. R. Khan who had a -50 handicap. M. Concessio playing a calm game and displaying good form started nicely and settled down for a good game. He gradually wiped out his handicap of -350 points.

Then the M.C. suddenly fell back and he struck a bad patch. Khan taking the advantage of this made good use of the opportunity and he took a good lead. Khan's score was then 124 against that of his opponent which was 59.

Afterwards M. Concessio coming out from this bad patch came back to his true form and he scored consistently to beat convincingly his opponent Khan at 250 to 180. Best breaks of M. Concessio were 23, 33, 20, 44, 22, 20, 27, 55 and 31, while that of Khan was a solitary 25.

In the earlier match in the evening G. E. Dazely having a handicap of -325 easily beat his opponent Antia -160 at 250 to 207. Good breaks of G. E. Dazely were 27, 36, 30, 23, 26, 32, 30 and 25 while Antia's were 20, 27, and 32.

200 KILO-METRES CYCLE RACE

Organised By B. P. O. A. On Sunday Dec. 18

BOMBAY, Thursday.

The 200 K. Metres Cycle Race (Massed Start) will be run on 18-12-1949 (Sunday) starting from Sion Causeway at 6-30 A.M. (S.T.) This race is organised by the B.P.O.A.

Entry closes on Friday the 16th December 1949 at 6-30 P.M. at the above office.

Entry fee Rs. 1/- per Competitor

All the Competitors and Secretaries of the Cycling Clubs are requested to be present at the above address at 6-30 P.M. on Friday the 16th December 1949, for having final instructions from the undersigned regarding the machines, route and the feeding arrangements.

The Bombay Chronicle

INDO-PAKISTAN RELATIONS

With the acceptance of Partition, obviously there is little that the Government of India can do in defence of non-Muslims in Pakistan territory except be ready to offer the persecuted asylum on Indian soil. Here both Central and Provincial Governments have been more than willing. But unfortunately as much as could be desired cannot be done. The Bombay Government's decision to increase its quota by another 3,000 is a humanitarian gesture. It will be necessary to strain every nerve to absorb these displaced persons in the local population and it need not be said that serious difficulties are being experienced. Men and women who yesterday led full lives amid congenial surroundings, find themselves suddenly and for no fault of theirs uprooted and transported to very different conditions. The struggle for existence itself replaces ambitions and aspirations. And over all their personal sufferings, there is the added burden of listening to tales of continued harassment of those whom they left behind. The latest report that the Government of India has sent a note of protest to the Pakistan Government charging it with "launching a drive for the eviction of the remaining Hindus from Sind" will be read with disquiet. Under the anxiety not to create uneasiness in the country or make matters difficult for the Government, the press in India has shown considerable restraint in presenting news of persecution in Pakistan. Because of this restraint, the more harrowing incidents when their reports break come with a greater shock on the general public. But the last report comes as a complete surprise and reveals deplorable conditions among the non-Muslims in Pakistan. The most plognant reports deal with the harassment of Hyderabad refugees who were turned out of their homes at midnight. Compared to this, even the report of forcible conversion in the interior, which tells of prolonged and sustained persecution, reads mild. It is easy to understand that a minority surrounded by a hostile population needs little persecution and coercion to conform in the desperate hope of securing peace.

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru the other day rightly repudiated the policy of imitating the smaller practices of Pakistan. It is to the credit of the Indian people as a whole that the greater barbarities have stopped at the frontier. But it is rather strange to read side by side with the report of protests from Delhi accounts of the progress and otherwise of inter-Dominion negotiations. It perplexes not only Indians but also outsiders. The latest issue of the London "Economist" for instance prints an article on India which observes, "Such attention as is given to Pakistan these days is not in connection with Kashmir but over the price of East Bengal's jute". One can well imagine what the effect of all this will be on Pakistan itself. Now that the Government of India has sent a note of protest we hope that it will be followed up by an effective cessation of all negotiations. Pakistan, it is clear, is out to create the maximum trouble for India. It is useless ignoring this reality and carrying on as though nothing was wrong.

Protection Or Pampering?

It is to be hoped that the Government of Bombay will be circumspect and keep in view all relevant factors, in considering the suggestions put forth by the Bagaitdars' deputation to the Ministers for Development and Agriculture and the Joint Secretary of the Civil Supplies' Department. Their request that Government must make arrangements for opening at least ten more sugar factories in the Province, is unexceptionable. In fact, it is a welcome proposal, as the 14 factories at present functioning in the Province are quite inadequate considering the size of the Province and its industrial importance. But the utility of a crushing factory depends on the quantity of sugar-cane grown in the Province; and, unless a greater acreage is diverted from food-crops to cash crops of this type, it must be assumed that the total quantum of sugar-cane grown will remain stationary, and thus new factories will serve no useful purpose. But, the diversion of even a part of the area allotted for "Grow-More Food", to the cultivation of cane, is unthinkable, in view of the declared policy of the Government of India, to stop imports of foodgrains in the future. Hence, Government cannot entertain this proposal of the deputation.

The other suggestion that the Gur industry "be left to its fate" and that there should be no control of prices at the production end, is equally objectionable. Already the retail prices of Gur are exorbitant and, in these days of sugar shortage, when the rich and the poor alike have to accept Gur as a substitute for sugar, whether they like it or not, to leave the prices of Gur to adjust themselves according to the law of supply and demand, is tantamount to placing Gur beyond the reach of many classes of people. Instead of curbing the present tendency to profiteer, this would have the contrary effect of giving a fillip to the blackmarket—though when there is no price control, there can be no black-market, except ethically. The deputationists' demand for protection to the industry for 15 years in case controls are not removed, has a familiar ring about it. The sugar industry have received protection for as many years as one remembers, but it could not avert the present muddle. (The film industry also has received a certain amount of preferential treatment, if not protection, but it has not led the industry one inch further, for it still specialises in producing flops and third-rate pictures, which cannot stand any open competition.) It is high time that our growers and producers, learnt to stand on their own legs, competed among each other and produced the best and sold at reasonable prices, instead of being pampered by Governmental protection, for anything and everything. A protected industry is a diseased industry. The consumer gets indifferent quality and pays through the nose for the doubtful privilege.— Open competition, of a healthy nature, is in the final analysis good for not only the consumer, who is thus assured of good quality and fair prices, but to the industry itself which will learn to stand or fall by the standards it maintains.

Red China's Objectives

The progress of Mao Tse-tung's arms is rousing interest in the future of the Chinese Communists and their possible relations with Moscow. Whilst it is generally discounted that Mao will develop the Tito way, it is considered probable that Russia's attitude towards China might differ radically from that she has followed towards the East European countries. The Chinese Communist leader has every chance of being given a free hand in South-East Asia where China's course of Communist Empire readily runs. Moscow has no direct aims in this territory and, as the "Economist" says, it will be a source of considerable worry to the West. Mao can not only count on the colonies of overseas Chinese who have settled in several Asian countries; he can even work through Communism on non-Chinese nationals. In other words, he can be expected to take up Japan's Greater Asia policy and carry it through with better success. In these circumstances, interest for the Western democracies rests naturally on India and the attitude she is likely to adopt. The question will no doubt be taken up at the forthcoming Colombo Conference of Commonwealth Foreign Ministers and it might have an influence in determining the terms of Commonwealth recognition of Mao's regime. The Red leader's interest in Tibet has added a further complication so far as India is concerned. British observers state that the attitude of the rest of the Commonwealth will largely be determined by India's policy. If she decides to resist Mao's ambitions in Tibet and insists on the independence of that country, she can count on being backed by the other Commonwealth nations. If she compromises on Tibet, then the other Dominions have no footing in Tibet and they will have to accept the position. In other words, it is up to India to decide and obviously she is expected to take the traditional British policy which for some forty years has kept Tibet independent of China. Though the responsibility of deciding is India's, there is little desire to give her the importance that it places on her. So far as Britain is concerned, every opportunity is used to insist on parity between India and Pakistan, even where such parity is difficult to maintain. There is, on the one hand, a certain amount of British disappointment at the American visit of Pandit Jawaharlal not having yielded solid results; and on the other there is a querulous complaint at the American neglect of Pakistan's Liaqat Ali Khan.

Thought For The Day

The happiness of the clan depends on men who know how to go into retirement from time to time.—Maurois.

Tete-à-Tete

WITHOUT COMMENT.

M. Kosov's defence attorney turned against him yesterday....

..The attorney, M. Dynkmedjev, one of Bulgaria's outsanding court room rators, said he wished Kostov had been executed by the royalist police when he was arested in 1942. The attorney ignored Kostov's plea of innocence.

The attorney declared that there should be two more benches of defendants of the trial—one to hold Yugoslavia's Tito and his aides and the other to hold the "aggressors to war" —the Anglo-Americans.

—Sofia Report.

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Said Mr. Tej Narayan, presiding over the Provincial Hindu Mahasabha session at Lucknow: "We re-enter politics with a new political programme of establishing a Hindu State. The Hindu Mahasabha's new programme is primarily intended to save the country from the rising tide of Communism."

Some sixty million non-Hindus—let alone Hindus—are to be put under a "Hindu State" in order to save them from Communism, eh? Not bad at all.

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Pakistan is not enthusing over the Kashmir Commission's report. According to a Karachi report, "Dawn", in an editorial, writes: "The Commission's attitude is a confession of its failure. The proposal, as it is worded, does not indicate a definite line of approach."

We do not blame Pakistan or its organ. They have the right always to expect more from the commission and to be disappointed even by its minor inadequacies.

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MADRAS: Dec. 14: Dr. Mordecai Johnson, President of the Howard University (U.S.A.) said here today that Americans were deeply impressed by Prime Minister Pandit Nehru's declaration that India in relation to world affairs would think independently and not allow herself to be drawn into the two antagonistic power blocs.

That is because Dr. Johnson is the President of the (Negro) Howard University. Now, if he were the President of the—but he couldn't; the rest of the speculation therefore, doesn't arise.

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KARACHI: The Ganesh Khopra Mills has been declared evacuee property by the Custodian of Evacuee Property, Karachi. The papers of the mills have been sent to the Allotment Board so that it can be allotted to a deserving refugee.

And who will be the "deserving" refugee?

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TEL AVIV: Israel today formally proclaimed Jerusalem its national capital in direct defiance of the U. N. decision to internalise the Holy City, and the Knesset (Parliament) voted unanimously to hold its next session there.

An emergency special session of the General Assembly must be called on joint requisition by the United States and the Soviet Union to vote the humble apology of the United Nations Organisation for having created a situation in which the Government and Parliament of Israel were obliged to defy it.

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In a trans-Canadian broadcast on the work of the U. N. Assembly session, Mr. B. N. Rau said he considered the subject of atomic energy control to be one of the Assembly's "lost opportunities."

Yes, one of the Assembly's "lost opportunities." But only one of them.

PURGING A NATION

Events in Prague show how it feels when Communists take over. Mopping-up operations, now going on, hit everyone, big and little.

Small shopkeepers, small farmers, the neighbour down the block, all are swept up in the final purge. Nobody is overlooked.

Goal, once Communists move in, is to smother all opposition, get everybody into line to do Moscow's bidding.

A reader, sitting quietly at home, can get the "feel" of what it is like to live in a Communist country through a report on what is happening in Czechoslovakia.

The purge now in progress is designed to wipe out the middle class. Bigger businessmen, corporation executives, bankers, the wealthy people, top officials who opposed Communism were dealt with at the start, when Communists seized the central Government 20 months ago.

FINAL PHASE

Now it is the turn of the shopkeeper on the corner, the little businessman, the secretary of the luncheon club, the farmer down the road with the new barn and the big silo. Communist revolution had seemed pretty remote to most Czechoslovaks. But now it is taking away men who are known and respected by their neighbours and sending them away to labour camps. The country is entering the final phase of the communization of a people who once were free.

There is a feeling of hopelessness. Communists, who had received only 38 per cent of the country's free votes, now hold all the power. A people proud of their individual and national rights to independence know that their constitution, based on the American Constitution, is gone. In its place there is a Communist constitution, Communist laws and the Communist police.

SILENT ARRESTS

Arrests are not reported in the newspapers or over the radio. Words once written and spoken for the public are controlled completely by Communists. But the average citizen knows that the Communists are arresting people ,seizing their property. The average citizen knows this because, at this stage of the Communist "revolution," the average citizens are the ones being arrested.

At the corner store, the grocer and his family are gone. They were taken away at night, silently, by police. The store now belongs to the Government and is run by a man nobody in the neighbourhood knows. Nobody tarries to talk to the new grocer as they did to the old one. People are afraid of the new grocer, who is a Communist. They are afraid they might say something and be sent to a labour camp, like the old grocer.

At a restaurant, a policeman took the names and addresses of individuals who met every Wednesday for lunch. The men called it a luncheon club, but it is dissolved now. A garageman, who hadn't wanted to be secretary of the club because his handwriting wasn't very good, didn't get home to dinner that night. The policeman said he was an enemy of the state and he is in a labour camp now.

At a factory a new foreman appeared. The factory had been nationalized a year ago because Mr. Kruppa, the owner, had 75 persons on his pay roll. All businesses employing more than 50 persons belong to the state. But the old foreman had been permitted to stay on the job until recently. He belonged to no political party. Now he has been sent to work in the mines, the same mines where they sent Mr. Kruppa. They say he eats regularly and is paid. The new foreman is a Communist.

So it goes all over the country. Small businessmen, the pharmacist, the plumber who didn't tell the union that he had some pipe stored in his garage, people like that are arrested. The Communists have a law that says anybody can be arrested and confined in jail for two years without trial. The Communists say people whose property is nationalized get compensation. But the average person doesn't know whether his neighbour got compensation or whether he is going to face trial in two years. His neighbour just vanished.

SILENT FEAR

Pressure on people living under Communism is almost worse than the arrests. When a person is arrested he knows how he stands. But people who own their own homes and used to be proud of it now want to sell the homes and pay rent. They are afraid. Houses are cheaper now.

Physicians and dentists are still working. They keep quiet and don't talk to people as they used to.

Teachers, a lot of them, lost their jobs. There are new schoolbooks that make heroes out of Communists and ignore the heroes all Czechoslovaks came to know as well as Americans know George Washington.

Farmers who owned more than 125 acres of land had to turn over their farms to the Communist Government more than a year ago. Now the small farmers are under pressure. They must share their homes with strangers; they must plant what the Communists order them to plant; they must produce as much as they are told to produce; they can keep only what they are allowed to keep.

Clergymen and priests hereafter are going to be paid by the Government. A new law says they can be hired and fired like everybody else. The Government, not the churches, owns the church buildings now.

Net result of all this is that the middle class, the people who used to be the backbone of the country when it was a democracy, are being wiped out. Men who were independent are working for wages. Wives of men in the labour camps and their children, too, are looking for employment. The little people of Czechoslovakia are finding out that Communism, when it takes over a free country, soon strikes down at the grass roots so that everyone becomes the dependent of a police state.—U. S. News and World Report.

NEW CONDITIONS FOR PERMITS

Pakistan Notification

KARACHI, Dec. 15. (UPI): The Ministry of the Interior, Government of Pakistan, has issued a notification laying down new conditions in the case even of permits for temporary visits to Pakistan. These new conditions are to come into force from JJanuary 1, 1950.

The notification runs as follows:— "It is hereby notified for the information of the public that with effect from January 1, 1950 applications for temporary permit will be entertained only on production of an identity certificate in the prescribed form obtainable from the District Magistrates of the various districts. Intending applicants should obtain this certificate from the District Magistrates of the districts in which they are at present residing before submitting their applications to the office of the High Commissioner for Pakistan".

FRANKLY SPEAKING

It Can't Last

According to the latest report, the referendum in French Indian Settlements will be held before the end of March next. If this is the final decision it means that the French authorities have dropped one of their proposed obstacles, namely, the insistence that for a decision to be effective 60 per cent of the voters should participate in the referendum. But other difficulties remain and may persist in spite of the presence of international observers. We refer to the known proclivities of the French authorities to influence the voters by every possible method. The French would, we think, be well-advised in the ultimate interests of all concerned, including France, to give up these efforts too. For, after all is said and done, the anomaly of a part of India owing allegiance to another and entirely alien country and people cannot last long in the modern age.

Indonesian Prospects

The Soviet Union has vetoed the proposal for a Security Council vote of thanks to Indonesia and the Netherlands. This does not make much difference to the agreement or to the status and work of the U. N. Commission for Indonesia. The veto is the logical implementation of the Soviet attitude on the Indonesian issue. But it serves the important purpose of emphasising the fact that the agreement and the parties concerned have critics both outside and inside and that care will have to be taken to see that in the working of the new relationship between Republican Indonesia and the Netherlands as also in the task of making the Republic a reality in its political, social and economic aspects the opposition does not secure opportunities of destroying the agreement. The prospects of success are there. The agreement is having a fairly safe passage through the Dutch Parliament. The Indonesian Republican Parliament has also ratified it with a large majority. The Communists were bound to oppose it. The Socialists too are not quite satisfied with the agreement. But the fact that most of them preferred to walk out rather than vote against the agreement shows that they are not unwilling to give a chance to the agreement and the leaders concerned to make the Republic a great success. We have no doubt that men like Soekarno and Hatta are equal to the great task facing them, but they will need the co-operation of the Dutch in the form of an unreserved wholehearted acceptance in practice of the logic of Indonesian freedom.

Square Deal To Sportsmen

According to a report from London Preston North End, a Second Division foot-ball club paid a record transfer fee of £26,000 for an inside forward, Eddie Quigley. This shows how much the West values and honours their athletes and sportsmen. Often they are not only helped by private enterprises but by the State also to have a standard of living, to be in good shape and maintain their high standard. Contrast this with conditions in India. Except for a few who found employment in the service of Sports-loving Maharajas and public bodies, which encouraged sport, many sportsmen and athletes have to fend for themselves as best they can on meagre salaries. It is a wonder that they can maintain any form at all. A man like Kishan Chand, who captained the Indian Hockey team which won the World championship at the last Olympics, has to earn his bread as a driver of the B.B.C.I. Rly. local trains. We doubt whether his salary will allow him to butter his bread. Ganpat Savekar, who had been the winner of the Marathon Race, arranged by the Bombay Provincial Olympic Hockey Association for the last four years came in third this year, most probably because he has been unemployed for the past nine months. Even this year's winner Leo Pereira looks as if two square meals a day will do him a lot of good. These are just a few isolated cases which emphasise the need for organising athletics and sports in our country. There is an urgent need for expert coaching and we do not see why the Educational Department of the Provincial and Central Governments should not utilise these men and women, who have sports and athletics the main aim of their life. Now that the emphasis is shifting from mere training of the mind, these sportsmen and women will be a great help in the new drive to develop physique and character of pupils. All these men and women require is congenial atmosphere to pursue their sport, good pay and an opportunity to impart their skill to the younger generation.

The Smooth And The Grisly

The news that has appeared in the evening papers of an industrial dispute on the daily shave, is indicative of the things to come. The management, desiring its peons to be smart, insisted on their having a shave every day. The Union objected on the ground that this calls for a special allowance. In fact, the Union has gone one better by threatening to give up even the "regular hair-cut" if there is no allowance. Evidently there is a feeling that the "shaving rule" is meant to victimise members of the Trade Union though how or why we are not told. To the employees' stand there are indefinite possibilities: Imagine chauffeurs refusing to have a daily bath without a "bathing" allowance; or teavendors insisting on not removing their thumbs from the inside of the cup until a "no-thumb" allowance is paid; or bus-conductors refusing to clang the bell unless a "bell allowance" is granted. There is so much to be done along these lines that we can hardly wait. During the days of satyagraha, a somewhat disgusted gentleman complained that what women regarded as "work" was obstructing others from getting on with their task—by picketting before cloth shops and foreign stores. It is obvious that now work in the sense of output for fixed income is at a discount. Nobody appreciates the man who does his job least of all his employer. But there is a certain nuisance value attached to those who go round telling employees what not to do. This is the mukkadam spirit in reverse gear: Formerly they paid a foreman for getting work out of employees; now they have to woo the Union leader from not stopping workers from doing their job.

OUR READERS' VIEWS

Insurance Amendment Bill

You are doing valuable service to the cause of Insurance by giving publicity to the vulnerable features of the new Insurance Amendment Bill.

As one who has been connected with the managements of three leading Insurance Companies during the last 10 years,— I would like to invite the attention of our Legislators to the great hardship which is likely to be caused to a vast army of employer of agents (namely Chief Agents and Special Agents under the Bill) by the over-emphasis laid by the framers on the number of agents which a (Life) Chief or Special Agent must employ under the Sixth Schedule, Parts (B) and (C). India is not Life Insurance minded, but India is quite insurance conscious so far as Fire, Accident and Marine insurance is concerned. In fact, Motor Car i.e. Accident Insurance is now compulsory. Consequently, it is comparatively much easier to recruit agents for Accident and Marine business. As against that, writing of Life Insurance business is no joke. Consequently, one fails to understand as to why while under Part 'A' it has not been made compulsory for a principal agent (dealing in Fire, Accident and Marine business) to recruit any number of "minimum" agents, a poor Chief/Special Agent canvassing Life Insurance must recruit 24 very successful agents and a special agent at least 8 successful agents in the very first year. To secure 24 successful agents, each doing a business of Rs. 10,000/- we must recruit about 100 agents, inasmuch as my experience is that hardly 25 p.c. of the agents become active. Barring a few old Chief Agencies, I have yet to come across a new Chief Agent who can achieve that feat in the very first year of his appointment. It is one thing to enact a measure on paper and quite a different thing to get the necessary results by a stroke of pen. Unless therefore this proposal is suitably amended, the business of practically all Companies barring two Companies, will practically come to a stand-still. In England about 40 years ago, Insurers used to restrict the number of their agents to one in a town. The very name 'agent' indicates that the representative used to be fully authorised and could virtually be compared to the agent of a Bank. Indiscriminate appointment of agents leads to poor quality and it will be a grave mistake to compel by an Act of Legislature the multiplicity of agents with a view to inflate the Revenues of the Government. After all there are bigger considerations than deriving a few lakhs from licensing fees.

As regards the overriding commission of the special agents and the proposed percentage viz. 15 p.c. our Association has already pointed out in its Memorandum that it is superfluous since the overall expenses are going to be regulated by the provision in the premium bases. The penalty clause by which it is intended to reduce this percentage to half will in actual practice mean that very few people will be tempted to join the insurance line. It appears nobody has cared to look into the indications this aspect of the proposal. If a special agent after a very hard labour of one year fails to recruit eight active agents, the result may be that even after doing a business of about one lakh in a year, he may only get Rs. 360/- in the whole year by way of overriding. This gives him an average of Rs. 30/- per month, when it is difficult to recruit even a peon on less than Rs. 70/- per month.

As against this, the proposals regarding principal agents i.e. agents working for Fire, Marine and Accident are reasonable. A principal agent is required under the Sixth Schedule, Part 'A' only to complete a premium income of Rs. 20,000 in the whole year and the number of agents has not been fixed. But the penalty clause there also is unreasonable, inasmuch as if he forfeits one-third of his remuneration under clause 3, Sub-clause ii, he virtually earns only 10 p.c. overriding on a premium income of Rs. 20,000/- which means an income of Rs. 2,000/- in a year, out of which he must pay for Office rent and minimum one Clerk.

It is therefore earnestly trusted that our Legislature will, like practical men as they are, remove the irksome restrictions indicated above, as they militate against the proper organisation and spread of insurance business in India.

R. N. CHOPRA

Smug Suburbanites

Your correspondent, Mr. T. K. Vora, in the columns of your yesterday's issue writes about UNHYGENIC and UNAUTHORISED hutments in the Matunga locality. Mr. Vora, a man of culture, education and tidy suburbanite of Matunga 2 Kings Circle locality is very indignant about these hutments. He seems to be furious about the Municipal authorities being dumb witnesses of this sort of encroachment by the poor people. Yes, how dare they? These poor and scum of the society have no right even to approach the locality where Mr. Vora and his like are the residents. The motive of this educated, cultured subordinate of Matunga is obvious and it is to instigate the Municipality to drive these homeless people from that place and demolish their hutments which are not hygenic, so that cultured, educated and tidy people may live in peace and can go for a morning walk after a hearty breakfast and in the evening for fresh air. But he conveniently forgets that if these people are driven out from this place they will go to some other locality and it will prove also a nuisance to the residents of the tidy suburb where only cultured and educated people live. So long there is no shelter over heads and not provided by the Municipality and the Government Mr. Vora and his like will have to carry on with this encroachment. If these people are indulging in unlawful activities as alleged by your correspondent, then he has approached the wrong authority. It is the Police and not the Municipal authorities who can deal with such unlawful activities. I am not defending those people for the alleged doings, but what I am driving at is the course suggested by Mr. Vora is wrong. To be poor or uncultured and uneducated or a man of slum there must be a roof over his head and so long that is not provided by the authorities if is not the fault of the poor people if they erect ramshackle hutments, unhygenic and unauthorised, wherever they find a place to rest their heads in the night and take shelter against cold wind, biting frost. The mind exhibited by Mr. Vora is typical of petty-bourgeois class. Of course I may be accused of having a Communistic mind, but I must confess I am not a communist.

M. S. RAJADHYAX

Rural Colleges

The announcement of the policy of the Bombay Government that the training colleges should be established in Rural areas only, was no news at all, but for the fact that the policy was adopted so late. Government should, I would suggest, go a step further and adopt a policy to help more liberally educational institutions established in Rural areas rather than those in the Urban.

I had the 'Bhagya' of visiting the same fortuitous institution mentioned by your correspondent. I was wonder-struck at the marvellous achievement of the young institution. The cordial relations between the staff and the students, better understanding between the teacher and the taught, the self help and dignity of labour are the outstanding achievements. Karwar District Judge has appropriately remarked that the institution is a "Gurukul in a modern garb".

Educational institutions established in rural areas with cordial relations between the staff and students and better understanding of one another would definitely succeed in checking the deterioration of moral standards among the students.

P. K. BHAT

Krishnamurti's Teachings

The letter of Mr. Mulchand Deomal, who has taken some pains to criticise our views, in your issue of the 13th instant aptly proves the truth of the statement that Krishnaji with his Advaita philosophy has brought confusion and bewilderment to the minds of many. Intuition and clear, deep reasoning will help him solve the case.

However, we wish to clear up two misunderstandings; we have never mentioned that Krishnamurti has transcended the Masters. For certain reasons that is not possible. Anyway the Arhat level is one rung lower than Adeptship. Secondly, our suggestion to all and sundry was analogous to Swami Vivekananda's "Reject everything that does not appeal to your reason, no matter who says it"— i.e. the acceptance of what you think to be the truth and not the interpretation of facts and events in a manner you think to be true.

D. J. BUKEY
T. B. SHERWOOD

B.E.S.T. Demonstration

With reference to the report appeared in your issue of 13-12-49 regarding the procession taken out by the best workers with a view to staging a demonstration in front of the corporation hall, is it not strange that police should have stopped them at Dhobi Talao, when the purpose of demonstration was only to bring to notice of the city-fathers, certain demands of the workers, like gratuity, compensation of the loss of bonus etc? Over and above this, is it not strange that Mr. S. K. Patil, President of B.P.C.C. and the Mayor of the metropolis should have ignored the workers' request for his intervention? was that right attitude taken up by worthy of mayor of democratic days, who claims to be serving the down-trodden?

—PRO BONO BEST WORKER

IMPORT OF COPPER FROM JAPAN

Government To Issue Licences

NEW DELHI, Dec. 15 (PTI): The Government of India have decided to allow licences for January-June, 1950 for the import of copper, lead or zinc and non-ferrous metal scraps from Japan, a Commerce Ministry press note said today.

The press note added: "Import licenses for virgin metals, such as, copper lead or zinc and non-ferrous metal scraps (all falling under Part One of the I.T.C. Schedule) from Japan will be granted only to actual users and established importers. No applications from newcomers will be entertained.

"Applications for licences should be submitted to the Chief Controller of Imports, New Delhi, in accordance with the general principles embodied in the Commerce Ministry Public Notice of September 12, 1949, with necessary documents so as to reach him on or before January 25, 1950.

Coach Workshop At Kurla

BOMBAY, Thursday (UPI): The Government of Bombay has decided to construct a Central Coach Workshop at Kurla for building bodies of the buses, it is learnt today. The workshop which will be ready by January 1951, will build six bodies per day.

NATIONALIST PLANES BOMB NANKING

Chinese Troops To Be Used Against Ho Chi-Minh?

HONG KONG, December 15 (PTI-Reuter).

A CLOSE associate of Acting Chinese President Li Tsung-Jen said today that Nationalist troops of General Pai Chung-Hsi crossing into French Indo-China would be incorporated into the Viet Namese forces under ex-Emperor Bao Dai as "volunteers".

But the report lacked all confirmation from other quarters. It runs counter to the declared intentions of the Indo-Chinese Authorities.

The Nationalist spokesman today said he had just arrived from Hainan, where he had met General Pai. He alleged that the "volunteer" arrangement had been made between General Pai and the "Viet Namese military leader Wo Hung-Ching".

AGAINST HO CHI-MINH

The spokesman further stated that about 40,000 "reasonably armed" men were involved. Most would be used against Ho Chi-Minh, local pro-Communist leader, but some would remain in China's Kwangsi Provinces to operate as guerillas, he declared.

General Claire Chennault's American-owned Civil Air Transport Company today began to transfer its aircraft from Hong Kong to Taiwan, Formosa, latest Nationalist headquarters. Eight planes left with American personnel. The other eight fly out tomorrow. A company spokesman said the planes were needed in Taiwan.

NANKING RAID

Heavy bombers from Formosa raided Nanking today, the Nationalist News Agency said. All planes had returned after inflicting heavy damage.

The Agency said other planes based in the Chusan Islands, off Chekiang, had bombed adjacent Communist-held islands.

Communist forward elements were today reported fighting on the outskirts of Chengtu, last Nationalist stronghold in Szechuan Province. Gunfire could be heard in the shuttered, silent city.

MOST UNLIKELY

PARIS: A French Foreign Office spokesman today described as "totally unlikely" reports from Hong Kong that 40,000 armed Chinese Nationalist troops were about to join the Viet Namese Army in Indo-China as volunteers.

"All foreign troops crossing into Indo-China will be disarmed according to international law. We know there are already 10,000 such troops in Viet Nam and that more are crossing the border every day.

RECOGNITION OF NEW CHINA

U.K. Undecided On Date

LONDON, Dec. 15. (PTI-Reuter): Further consultations between Commonwealth Governments will determine the exact date of British recognition of the Chinese Communist Government, it was learned tonight from a usually reliable source.

In usually well informed quarters, it was believed that though the British Cabinet discussed the question of recognition this morning no final decision was taken.

It is now certain that the British Government has decided in principle to recognise the Chinese Communists at an early date, but there is so far no clear indication whether this will be before or after Christmas or before or after the Colombo Conference. Mr. Bevin is now expected to take the general sense of opinion of the Commonwealth Governments on timing.

The Indian Government, according to a usually well informed source here, will not wait for Britain before announcing recognition.

SABHA PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

POONA, Dec. 15, (PTI): The forthcoming annual session in Calcutta of the All India Hindu Mahasabha will chalk out the policies and programmes the Sabha propose to suggest "for the satisfactory solution of the many and manifold problems that confronted the country." It will also decide what old ideals and ideologies it proposed to reaffirm and reorientate, according to a statement issued today by Mr. L. B. Bhopatkar, President of the Mahasabha.

Stop Press

BRITAIN PREPARED

LONDON, Dec. 15, (PTI-Reuter): Britain will make her full contribution to the Atlantic Defence Programme with or without military aid, a British Foreign Officer spokesman said here tonight.

ASMARA CALM

ASMARA, Dec. 15, (PTI-Reuter): Asmara was calm today after the renewed wave of terrorism which on Monday struck the centre of the town for the first time.

LAST APPEAL DISMISSED

LONDON, Dec. 15, (PTI-Reuter): The Judicial Committee of the Privy Council today finished hearing, and dismissed, the last appeal it will hear from India. Six other India appeals in the list which for various reasons have not been ready for hearing will be mentioned on Monday and sent to the Federal Court to India, which in future will be the last court of appeal in the Dominion.

ONLY THREE SUBJECTS CONSIDERED

Partition Committee Sittings

The Partition Committee appointed by the Madras Government to work out details for the formation of the Andhra Province in its two sittings so far has considered only three subjects, namely, finance, establishment and services and boundaries with particular reference to the Kanarese-speaking areas in Bellary District, it is authoritatively learnt today.

In regard to finance, the Committee was said to have held that final adjustment in terms of rupees, annas and pies was not practicable and that it would suffice if a settlement was reached on the principles to divide the assets and liabilities and the cash balance.

The Expert Committee of officials has also been constituted to deal with the establishment and services and their allocation between the Andhra Province and the residuary Madras Province.

BOUNDARIES LATER

The Committee has reached tentative agreements on the temporary administration of the Karnataka areas in Bellary District and the appointment of the Boundary Commission.

The Committee has agreed to constitute the Karnataka areas in Bellary District into a new district to be administered by Andhra Province as part of that Province until it is absorbed in the Karnataka Province or in Bombay.

The Telugu areas in the Bellary District are to be added to the adjoining Kurnool and Anatapur Districts. The new Province will thus comprise the districts of Vizagapatam, East Godavari, West Godavari, Krishna, Guntur, Nellore, Chittoor, Cuddapah, Anantapur and Kurnool besides the new district of Karnatak areas.

The Committee has expressed the opinion that the demarcation of the exact boundary line in the areas where adjustments are required can be settled between the two new Governments after they come into existence as in the case of enclaves in Mysore, Hyderabad and Madras. The question of appointment of a Boundary Commission need not therefore be considered now and may be taken up in due course, if necessary.

The Provincial Cabinet is expected to review the tentative decisions of the Partition Committee before making its recommendation to the Central Government.

ANTI-HINDU CODE DEMONSTRATORS

NEW DELHI, Dec. 15, (PTI): Twelve persons arrested on Monday evening from outside the Council House in connection with Anti-Hindu Code bill demonstrations were released on bail today by the Sessions Judge, Delhi.

MYSORE CABINET RESIGN'S

BANGALORE, Dec. 15, (PTI): The Mysore Cabinet has resigned. This procedure was necessitated because the old Houses of Legislature were abolished today.

The State Constituent Assembly will be the Legislative Assembly of the State till elections are held under the new Constitution of India. The Maharaja today has made the consequential amendments to the State Constitution necessitated by the change.

Tinplates Prices Reduced

CALCUTTA, Dec. 15 (PTI): A notification issued by the Ministry of Industry and Supply, Government of India (Iron and Steel Control) states: "In pursuance of the policy of the Government to reduce prices of essential commodities, the sale prices of tinplates, terneplates and black plates have been reduced with effect from December 16, 1949, to those in force before July 8, 1949, when the last increase in their prices took place. The present reduction amounts to approximately ten per cent".

Ground-nut Cultivation

NEW DELHI, Dec. 15, (PTI): According to second official estimates, the area under ground-nut during the current year shows an increase of seven per cent over the previous year, an Agriculture Ministry press note said today.

Pak Railways D. G. Dead

KARACHI, Dec. 15, (PTI-Reuter): Mr. Mohammed Nizammuddin, Director-General of Pakistan Railways, died here today of heart failure.

Fire In Rangoon

RANGOON, Dec. 15, (PTI-Reuter): Fire destroyed about 800 wooden and thatched huts on the northern outskirts of Rangoon today rendering about 3,000 people homeless.

Danger from the fire was increased by exploding oil-supplies and small stocks of hidden ammunition.

Three people were reported missing.

Jurisdiction Of Tribunal

JUDGMENT LATER REPLY TO RAZVI

HYDERABAD, Dec. 15. (PTI): The Special Tribunal hearing the Bibinagar Dacoity Case today declined to pronounce judgment of pass order at this stage on a petition submitted by Syed Kasim Razvi, accused number one in the case, questioning the jurisdiction of the Tribunal to try the case.

The Tribunal also rejected the defence contention that the charges against the accused in the case were not properly framed and that the accused could not in law be tried for more than three offences at a time.

Passing order on the petition submitted by Syed Kasim Nazvi today, the Tribunal said: "We made it very clear when this matter was first mentioned and when this petition was presented that we shall not give our judgment or order on the question of jurisdiction now and that after giving leave for the defence counsel to argue again, we would consider and give our reasons in full for any view that we might take in the judgment that will be pronounced in the case itself".

ANOTHER APPLICATION

It would have been different if the question of jurisdiction had been raised at the time we first took up this case, the Tribunal added.

The Tribunal also rejected an application submitted on behalf of three other accused requesting for the postponement of further hearing of the case until the defence obtained a verdict from the High Court on the question of jurisdiction of the Tribunal to try the case.

Mr. Baqar Hussain, counsel for Syed Kasim Razvi, then cross-examined Dr. Siviah, who deposed that he treated on January 11, 1948, some of the persons injured in Bibinagar as a result of an alleged Razakar raid on January 10, last year.

ELECTRIC STRIKE CONTINUES

Black-Out In Britain

LONDON, Dec. 15 (PTI-Reuter): Hopes of a full restoration of electric current tonight faded as Cabinet Ministers, chiefs of Britain's nationalised electricity industry, Trade Union leaders and unofficial strikers were this evening caught up in a wrangle over the terms on which the strike should end.

The 2,600 men who stopped work at the beginning of the week, bringing widespread blackout to parts of Southern England, voted today to resume work pending further negotiations on their claim for a special "heat and dirt" bonus.

At Barking—biggest power station in Europe—the strikers went back, but at the three other stations, they refused to sign a declaration that they were returning to work unconditionally."

FAITH IN REUNION OF BENGAL

CALCUTTA, Dec. 15 (PTI): "Invincible faith" that the two Bengals are going to be re-united shortly, "possibly earlier than many imagine", was affirmed tonight by Mr. Ashutosh Lahiry, General Secretary of the All-India Hindu Mahasabha.

He said the forthcoming session of the All-India Hindu Mahasabha, commencing here on December 23, was going to be of "very great importance to the people of Bengal and in particular to those who feel strongly about East Bengal problems."

Wireless With Afghanistan

NEW DELHI, Dec. 15 (PTI): Direct wireless telegraph communications between India and Afghanitan is expected to be established shortly. An agreement to this effect was signed in Kabul yesterday between representatives of the two countries.

INCREASE YIELD AND REDUCE COST

Madras Minister On Problem Before Cane Growers

MADRAS, Dec. 15, (PTI).

MR. A. B. SHETTY, Minister for Agriculture, Madras, told the Provincial sugarcane growers today that the problem before them was to improve cane cultivation, increase production and reduce its cost.

Declaring open the Provincial Sugarcane Growers' Conference here Mr. A. B. Shetty said: "We have to bring the price of cane on a par with the world price to enable our sugar industry stand the competition in world markets. Growers, manufacturers and Government will have to co-operate in a common endeavour for this purpose."

According to the Minister, Madras produced on an average 52,000 tons of sugar per year and imported about 50,000 tons mainly from the United Provinces and Bihar.

An important offshoot of the sugar problem, he said, was the unprecedented boom which gur manufacture was having at present. Gur could be obtained out of sugarcane in a larger quantity than refined sugar and also at a cheaper cost.

A larger percentage of cane was now being diverted to gur manufacture. The Madras Government, he said, had found it necessary to take action in this matter with a view to enabling sugar factories to get the required quantities of cane.

The sugar factories, the Minister added, had responded to the appeal to increase the production and the target of twelve lakh tons was expected to be reached this year.

Mr. E. V. Sundara Reddi, President of the Association, denied that the increased price of sugar was due to the growers demanding high prices for cane.

For the stabilization of cane and sugar price at reasonable levels, Mr. Reddi suggested that the Tariff Board, in making their recommendations, night fix a five-year period and ask both the industry and the growers to adjust themselves within this period and bring down the price level.

RECOMMENDATIONS ON POINT FOUR

Truman Anticipates

KEY WEST (Florida), Dec. 15, (P. T.I.-Reuter): President Truman told a news conference today that his State of the Union Message to Congress next month would contain some new recommendations for carrying out his "Point Four" Programme for developing backward areas of the world.

The President first outlined the programme in his inaugural address last January.

He said today that beyond the reference to Point Four there would be no surprises in the foreign affairs field in the message.

9TH ALL-INDIA CATTLE SHOW

Changed Date

NEW DELHI, Dec. 15.

The next All-India Cattle Show will be held at Lucknow from February 12 to February 17 instead of from February 26 to March 3, 1950, as previously announced. The change in date has been made to enable the delegates of the Cattle Breeding Conference of the Food and Agricultural Organisation of the United Nations, which will also be held at Lucknow about the same time, to visit the Show. The venue of the Conference, namely, Lucknow, remains unchanged.

The All-India Poultry Show will also be held from February 15 to 17, 1950, instead of from March 1 to 3 as previously announced.

Inquiry Into Quilon Air Crash

MADRAS, Dec. 15. (PTI): The Madras Flying Club air craft that crashed yesterday at Quilon killing the pilot trainee has been completely burnt, it is learnt here. It crashed after hitting an overhead electric wire approximately 20 feet high.

Mr. Hudson, Chief Inspector for Aircraft Accidents, it is learnt, will arrive in Madras from Delhi tomorrow and proceed to Quilon to conduct an enqiry into the accident.

Remedy For Economic Maladies

SHANKERRAO DEO'S PLEA FOR PLANNING BODY

NEW DELHI, Dec. 15 (UPI).

"THE immediate need for the country is a planning commission which can plan the full utilisation of our resources on a priority basis," observes Shri Shankerrao Deo, writing under the captian "Quo Vadis" in the A.I.C.C. Economic Review date December 15.

He says: "The Bill for the control of industrial development may be placed on the Statute Book. The managing agency system may be removed, the working parties appointed by the Government to enquire into the industries may submit their reports; even the targets of industrial productions may be reached for one year, yet the economic maladies would not be remedied unless the whole economy of the country comes under the overall control of machinery which can plan the full utilisation of our resources."

Shri Deo feels that the Economic Committee of the Cabinet exercising an overall control over economic development today can never exert such far-reaching, detailed and expert control as to resolve the contradiction in the two supreme objectives of the Government today, namely, self-sufficiency in food and reaching the installed capacities in industries.

He apprehends that unless there is allocation of resources on a priority basis, made available through an extension of compulsory savings to all sections and investment of evaded projects through a scheme of bearer bond, they would be frittered away like the sterling balances. They should be husbanded and invested according to well defined priorities.

UNEMPLOYMENT

Sharply criticising the Finance Minister's statement that recasting of society is not the Government's objective and the failure of the Government to take steps to tackle the problem of unemployment due to closure of mills, Shri Deo urges restatement of the Government's economic policy in the light of building a just social order and full employment to which the Government are connected.

Referring to the question of nationalisation of key industries and public utilities Shri Deo reminds that Congress is committed to the principle of compensating and not expropriating the dispossessed, and in the present context of paucity of the State's resources in men and money the programme of nationalisation is bound to be slowed down.

Shri Deo, however, advocates the early enactment of the Bill of control of industrial Development and Amendment of Companies Act to eliminate the managing agency system so that industrial development in the country is imbued with a sense of civic conscience and national duty and the resolution of the contradiction between political equality and economic inequality is expedited.

Sugarless Restaurants Close Down

GAUHATI, Dec. 15. (PTI): About a hundred stalls and restaurants in Gauhati closed down today for an indefinite period as a protest against the failure of the local authorities to supply sugar and flour to them at controlled rates.

News BRIEFS

SARVODAYA SCHEMES

The Government of Bombay has sanctioned additional expenditure for the Sarvodaya scheme in Belgaum and Kolaba Districts raising the total estimated expenditure on the scheme to Rs. 53,870 and Rs. 44,600 in these districts respectively. A training class to accommodate 60 workers will be started in Belgaum district. Three workers will be appointed at three sub-centres in Kolaba district.

LEAFLETS FORFEITED

The Government of Madras has forfeited to His Majesty, every copy of—(1) The Tamil leaflet entitled "Police Repression at Mathurai", issued by the Socialist Party, Mathurai, and (2) the Malayalum leaflet entitled "The inflation in the price of rice that is driving the people to death due to starvation must be resisted and put an end to", published by the Chirakkal Taluka Committee of the Communist Party of India.

ALL-INDIA CATTLE SHOW

NEW DELHI, Dec. 15 (PTI): The next All-India Cattle Show will be held at Lucknow from February 12 to 17 instead of from February 26 to March 3, 1950, the All-India Cattle Show Committee announced today.

LONDON STRIKE ENDS

Workers at one of London's four striking power stations—the Barking Plant on the East outskirts of the city—voted to return to work on Thursday.

RAILWAY FINANCE SEPARATION

Resolution To Be Introduced

The Railway Minister, Mr. N. Gopalaswami Ayyangar will move a resolution in Parliament on December 17 regarding revision of the convention relating to separation of the Railway from General Finance.

According to the resolution Railway Finance shall continue to remain separated from General Finance, General Revenues receiving only a fixed annual dividend. For the next five years the annual dividend will be a sum calculated at the rate of 4 per cent on the capital invested out of General Revenues in the Railway undertaking. No dividend however will be payable on the capital invested out of General Revenues in unremunerative strategic lines.

At the end of five years the rate will be reviewed by Parliament to suggest any adjustment considered necessary having regard to the revenue returns of the Railway undertaking, the average borrowing rate of Government and other relevant factors.

Request For Grant From Gandhi Fund

NEW DELHI, Dec. 15, (PTI): The Government of India's Ministry of Health is among those who have applied for grants from the Gandhi National Memorial Fund, it is learnt here.

The Ministry is understood to have asked for about Rs. 10 lakhs for starting a Leprosy Research Institute in India.

West Germany Signs Its First Agreement

BONN, Dec. 15, (PTI-Reuter): Western Germany today signed its first international agreement—a Marshall Aid Blateral Pact with America. It pledged her to work with the other Marshall Plan nations" towards the goal of European economic self sufficiency".

YOU CAN KEEP INDONESIA AS FRIENDS

President's Assurance To Dutch People

JOGJAKARTA, Dec. 15. (PTI).

REPUBLICAN President Soekarno today assured Dutchmen and Eurasians in Indonesia that the Government of Serikat—the future Republic of Indonesia—would guarantee their interests "so long as they conform with the laws of the new state".

In a broadcast over Republican Radio the President said: "The Dutch people can keep Indonesia as friends but not as masters. Relationship between the Netherlands and Indonesia can exist on a basis of equality and friendship".

This was the first time Dr. Soekarno had expressed himself so unequivocally on friendship with the Dutch since he formed the Republic in 1945, writes N. Rajamani, P.T.I. correspondent.

SECURITY OF ALL

President Soekarno said he was aware of the fears in the minds of Dutch and Eurasian minorities and Indonesians who had worked with the Dutch administration and army on the eve of transfer of power.

The new Republic would be responsible to world opinion for the safety and security of these persons, he said.

Dr. Soekarno assured Indonesians in the Dutch Army and police force that they would be given opportunities to join the army of the new Republic.

"It is not our task to sit in judgment over persons who co-operated with the Dutch, or to take revenge against them. Our struggle has been to win freedom for the whole of the Indonesian people".

MOVE WITH THE TIMES

Advice To Educationists

(From Our Correspondent.)

RAJKOT, Dec. 15.

Mr. K. G. Saiyidain Education Adviser to the Government of Bombay addressed two meetings in the Dharmendrasinhji College hall at Rajkot last afternoon and evening on the modern trends in education in the light of the recent advances in the theory and practice of education reflected in the UNESCO Seminar at Mysore City a few days ago.

He addressed the Saurashtra Divisional Educational Inspectors and others in the Saurashtra Education Minister's residents this morning exhorting all present to move with the times and to enable the students to understand what the new era of independence had imposed upon them.

It was held in the highest degree desirable that the time of the pupils should not be wasted on the outmoded highbrow ideals of education at a time when the people of India had entered on a far more rapid advance than had ever before been recorded and when she badly needed directive brains to seecure that adjustment of production to consumptive capacity which was admittedly India's fundamental requirement to stave off a severe economic crisis.

East Punjab Withdraws Cloth Restriction's

SIMLA, Dec. 15, (PTI): The East Punjab Government, has withdrawn all restrictions imposed on the mills in the province distributing cloth produced by them, a Government press note said today.

The mills have been allowed to sell their unpurchased stocks to buyers of their own choice anywhere in the Indian Dominion except Assam.

LATES COMMERCIAL NEWS

NEW YORK COTTON MARCH

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.

Previous Closing	30.16
Today's Opening	30.16
Difference	Nil
Today's Closing	30.23
Difference	+7

NEW YORK STOCKS

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.

Opening Prices:

Anaconda Copper Mining	28-3/8
General Motors	70
United States Steel common	26-1/2
Pref.	140

—PTI-Reuter.

JAPANESE SHARE MARKET

TOKYO, Dec. 15 (PTI-Reuter):—Share prices slumped yesterday, plunging the Japanese Stock Market into its biggest crisis since the end of the war. The Tokyo Security Market reported a general decline in what had been regarded as "Safe" stocks and officials of the Finance Ministry called an emergency meeting.

INDORE SHARE MARKET

(From Our Correspondent)

INDORE CITY, Dec. 15.

Today's closing quotation on Indore Stock Exchange were as follows:

Indore Malva	139
Hukamchand Mill	601
Bhandari Mill	703
Vinod Mill	382
Kalyanmal Mill	88
Rajkumar Mill	141
Indore Bank	64

AHMEDABAD SHARE MARKET

(From Our Correspondent)

AHMEDABAD, Dec. 15.

Market trend is constructive. Fluctuations: Calico opened 275-12 highest 279-8.

Arvind opened 775 lowest 768.

Ambica opened 346-8 highest 353.

Deferred opened 1529 highest 1538 lowest 1519.

Closing quotations: Calico 277-8 Arvind 771 Ambica 353 Deferred 1531 Commercial 537-8 Ashok 326-4 Vijay 432-8 Sarangpur Cotton 1345 Shorok 236 Saraspur 287.

People IN THE NEWS

GOVERNMENT HOUSE NEWS

BOMBAY, Dec. 15.

The Governor of Bombay received Main Ehsan Ul Haq and Revd. Dr. Charles McKoy.

His Excellency administered, at the Secretariat, the oaths of allegiance and of office to Mr. Fazal Ibrahim Rahimtoola, the Sheriff Designate of Bombay.

In the afternoon, Raja Maharaj Singh presided over the Annual College Day of the R. A. Podar College of Commerce and Economics, Matunga where he was received by the Principal, Mr. L. N. Welingkar, His Excellency addressed the gathering.

Rani Maharaj Singh presided over the General Meeting of UNAC at Government House.

CALCUTTA, Dec. 15 (PTI): Dr. S. B. Dutt, a former President of the Bengal National Chamber of Commerce, has been appointed Sheriff of Calcutta for the coming year.

R. J. PRINGLE

MADRAS, Dec. 15 (PTI): Mr. R. J. Pringle, Collector of Central Excise, Madras, has been appointed Chief Controller of Imports, New Delhi,—vice Mr. S. Jaganathan, it is learnt here.

MR. DAVID A. MORSE

AHMEDABAD, Dec. 15 (PTI): Mr. David A. Morse, Director-General of the ILO, left Ahmedabad this afternoon for Delhi. He told pressmen that his object was to make the ILO "a living instrument in Asia—particularly in India whose Government has been its member for 30 years".

11 Pilgrims Die In Ship

COLOMBO, Dec. 15 (PTI-Reuter): Eleven passengers died in the pilgrim ship "Rizwani" on her way from Jedda to Colombo en route for Chittagong in Eastern Bengal, it was disclosed here today.

PEPPER EXPORT TRADE

Uncertainly Short Duty

BOMBAY, December 15.

Black pepper export trade has been in the doldrums for some time owing to the uncertainty regarding export duty to be paid from next month, writes the P.T.I. city correspondent.

Pepper is the most important single item of India's exports, and although its volume is small, its importance lies in its dollar earning capacity.

The trade was shocked by the imposition of a 30 per cent ad valorem export duty on November 19, but after representation by the trade that the duty would ruin many exporters with large future commitments, as all contracts with American buyers were on the basis of exporters paying any new duties, it was later stated that the duty would be calculated on the tariff value (Rs. 200 per cwt.) fixed by the customs authorities for assessment of various duties. Since the market value was more than twice the tariff value (about Rs. 450 per cwt) the actual incidence of duty would be less than 15 per cent.

This appeared to satisfy the trade. Owing to the monopoly India has in pepper, it can afford to pay some export duty, but the tariff value itself is due to be revised in January next, as usual, on the basis of prices prevailing last year. The present incidence of duty can be maintained either by leaving the tariff value unaltered, or by adjusting the rate of export duty to the new revised tariff value.

The traders fear that if the newly fixed tariff value is over Rs. 400 per cwt., all their calculations will be upset, and fresh commitments with American buyers will involve an unbearable loss. No new commitments are therefore being made.

LAST YEAR'S EXPORTS

Last year India exported 14,000 tons of pepper, out of a crop of 20,000 tons, and earned Rs. 14 crores in foreign exchange, the greater part of it in dollars. This year the crop is estimated at 17,000 tons, of which 13,000 tons may be exported, bringing in—at the prevailing high prices—Rs. 20 crores in foreign exchange.

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PRICES OF BAJRI

The following are the wholesale and retail rates of Bajri:

	Rs.	as.	ps.
Wholesale Rate per bag of 200 lbs.	19	7	0
Wholesale Rate per Bengal Maund	3	0	0
Retail Rate per lb.	0	1	9

A scene from "Rope of Sand" starring Burt Lancaster, Paul Henreid, Claude Rains and Corrine Calvet.

STORY OF LUST FOR WEALTH

Paramount's 'Rope Of Sand' At Regal

WITH all the benefits of good production and with direction that keeps the plot moving headlong, Paramount's "Rope Of Sand" is virile, punch-packing, red-blooded entrainment. Showing from today at the Regal, this film stars he-man Burt Lancaster in a role that gives more than ample scope for the brute vigour of his acting.

Set in the wastes of the African diamond country, the plot revolves round the eternal quest for the glittering gems and the ruthlessness and rapacity that condones every species of villainly as long as the goal is reached. Lancaster and Paul Henreid star in this dramatic film and glamorous Corrinne Calvet portrays the girl who sets out to double-cross Lancaster only to discover that she has fallen in love with him.

This set-up is chock-full of possibilities, and the stars make full use of their opportunities, to bring out the tenseness and drama. When we find that two such experienced masters of the craft of villainly as Claud Rains and Peter Lorre completing the cast, one need not be surprised at the pulsating melodrama that ensues.

Suave, soft spoken, with honeyed words—words masking their murderous intentions—this cut-throat couple give pirformances of delivery of which they may be justifiably proud. Purely for adult entertainment, the drama in this film borders at times on the ghastly, and those under eighteen will not be admitted.

In connection with this film there is a lucky dip". A bowl containing a number of rhinestones and four half-carat diamonds will be exhibited in the foyer of the Regal at 1-30 P.M. on Friday and Saturday. Those who are lucky enough to pick the gems, may have them for keeps. If you are not among the lucky ones you will have the rhinestone anyway!

UNUSUAL IN FILMIC ART

Something definitely unusual in filmic art, "The Boy With Green Hair", running at the Eros this week, is a sensitively acted and well produced film. In the central role of the lad who yearns passionately for the companionship he has lacked all his life, Dean Stockwell gives a polished and confident performance what would have done credit to one twice his age.

Happiness, grief, bitter frustration and utter neglect; all these have a formative influence on the high-strung boy till, brooding over his woes, he wakes up one morning to find that his hair has turned a bright emerald green overnight. Confronted with the hostility and suspicion of children and adults alike, he takes refuge in a forest, and there discovers that his hair has turned green because he has been chosen to epitomise all the wretchedly unwanted children of this war-racked world.

Wisely resisting any desire to be unduly sentimental—a temptation inherent in the very nature of the subject—the director gave young Stockwell free rein, with the result that there is true pathos in plenty, without the characterisation ever descending to the level of the maudlin'.

This strip of a youth, in fact, carries this unusual story on his capable shoulders in the distinguished company of Pat O'Brien and Robert Ryan.

In a screenplay of this type the symbolism obviously dominates, yet the plot never becomes pedestrian. Unusual in form and concept, this sensitiveiy—enacted film at times becomes a thing of rare and ethereal beauty. "The Boy With Green Hair" should appeal to the discriminating filmgoer.

INDIAN NEWS REVIEW NO. 61

Open Sea Swimming Race

A varied feast of events is presented in Indian News Review No. 61 scheduled for release on December 16 throughout the country.

Of special interest to sports lovers is the coverage of the Open Sea Swimming Race in which Dolly Nazir bags the women's event. Errol Flynn, who is out here for filming of "Kim" nods at the camera as he touches down at Bombay.

Other items included are the scenes of the Paficists from thirty-one countries who met at Shantineketan, Thakkar Bapa's birthday celebrations, the swearing in ceremony of Mr. Vellodi as the Chief Minister of Hyderabad, the torchlight procession which heralded the Social Education Week in Bombay and the touching scenes of late Brigadier Atal's funeral procession.

RARE, SUCCESSFUL SURGERY

LONDON, Dec. 15, (U.P.I): A girl of nine who lost all the fingers of her left hand in an accident has just been given a new thumb by the transfer of the big toe on her left foot to her hand.

The story of this rare and successful operation is told in the British medical journal. The stump of the toe on her foot is soundly healed and the girl runs, dances and plays hockey without disability.

C. I. D. Raid Cloth Firms In Ahmedabad

(From Our Correspondent)

AHMEDABAD, Dec. 15.

The Bombay C.I.D. with the help of the local police raided many cloth firms of Ahmedabad in connection with alleged infringement of yarn control order and taking more commission in distributing yarn by Government 'dalal', Mr. Manubhai Mohanlal Shah.

It is further learnt that goods distributed to firm by Mr. Shah and on which more commission had been taken is under investigation.

A C.I.D. Inspector from Bombay came here for this purpose and with the help of local control authorities and Crime Branch police raided half-a-dozen firms and seized account books.

The police, it is stated, expect to get information about some Government officials alleged to be involved in this affair. Great sensation prevails in the cloth market.

FOREIGN FILMS

Powerful Plea For Racial Tolerance

"BIG CITY" HAS A BIG PURPOSE

WITH a heart-warming tale supplemented with some pleasant songs, the week's fare at the Metro is M.G.M.'s "The Big City". Starring Margaret O'Brien with Robert Preston, George Murphy and Danny Thomas. The picture also has world-famous Lotte Lehmann of the Metropolitan Opera.

Margaret plays a foundling who is brought up by three foster fathers, Preston, Murphy and Thomas. Things go merrily on for some years till the rift in the lute appears when Murphy falls in love with cabaret singer Betty Garett. When the child also takes to the singer with a consequent alarming increase in her vocabulary, the indignant Preston and Thomas decide that Margaret must not come under Miss Garret's influence. This naturally causes bitterness with Murphy, and things seem rapidly going to th dogs, when a benevolent judge takes matters in hand everything works out happily.

The film presents a powerful plea for racial tolerance and understanding of the other man's viewpoint. In the pivotal role of the orphan, Magaret acts with a good deal of charm, though both she and Butch Jenkins, the other juvenile lead, show certain stylised and irritating mannerisms which tend to get on one's nerves at times. On the whole however, the portrayal is definitely a pleasant one. The parental trio are in their element and seem to be thoroughly enjoying themselves.

There is a good deal of music interspersed throughout the film, and songs are rendered by Miss Garrett, by Danny Thomas, by Margaret—a hilarious burlesque number—and by Mme. Lehmann.

Directed with understanding by that specialist of children's pictures, Norman Taurog, the film was produced by Joe Pasternak. This pleasant film will prove acceptable to those in search of an evening's light entertainment. The film will also be screened on Sunday morning at 10 A.M.

Robert Preston in M.G.M.'s "Big City"

Thrill-Packed Western At The Strand

Rod Cameron in "Panhandle".

Combining the coolness of the proverbial cucumber with the speed and venom of a rattlesnake, Rod Cameron blazes a fiery trail across the Strand screen in a film that boasts thrills galore and a plentiful banquet of whistling lead.

Playing the devil-may-care Gunman who sets out to avenge his brother's death, even though he has a price on his head, Rod Cameron turns in a virile and forceful performance. With all the physical attributes of the ideal western hero, and a personality to match, Cameron is involved in sundry gunfights, gets out of tight corners with superb abandon, and to liven things up still further, has a rough-house scrap with Jeff York the like of which has not been seen on the screen in many a long day.

The feminine angles are looked after by lovely Cathy Dowms and Anne Gwynne, who contribute the necessary pulchritude to soften the grim goings-on.

Reed Hadley, Jeff York and Blake Edwards as the crooked gambler and his henchmen, make a suitably unsavoury bunch of rogues and demonstrate that they can throw hot lead with he best of 'em. Hadley, who narrated "The House on 92nd Street", "13, Rue Madelaine" and "Boomerang" makes his debut as an actor in this film.

Unburdened with subtleties, this swiftly moving screenplay will definitely appeal to trigger-happy film fans and to all those whose blood courses a little faster in their veins when they hear the sound of shrieking bullets. This film marks the first production venture of John Champion and Blake Edwards, two youthful one-time actors, while the megaphone was wielded by Western veteran Lesley Selander.

Young Farmers' Clubs In Britain Revitalise Agriculture

Proof that farming is no longer the Cindrella of British industries is given by the enormous growth in the popularity of Young Farmers' Clubs. Today more than 1,300 clubs, with a total national membership of 65,000, are making a great contribution towards revitalising life in rural Britain.

The membership of these clubs is open to any one, between the ages of 10 and 25, with an interest in country life; and in fact it is not possible to live in rural areas without being connected with agriculture in one way or another. Most of the young men who join these clubs are employed directly on the land and the young women are either the daughters of farmers or those intending to become farm wives.

Activities range between soil science and rural domestic economy. Social and cultural interests being developed in the clubs are already having an effect on rural amenities generally.

Guidance is given by a panel of advisory members, practical men who, whilst retaining an interest in new ideas, have a long record of successful farming behind them.

As a result of wartime changes there has been an increase in mechanisation. Most of the farms are small, about 50% being of 50 acres. Mostly they are family farms, and the spirit of change and progress which mechanisation has introduced is doing much to keep the youngsters' interest.

Every farm worker in Britain now provides enough calories for 17 others. The enthusiasm of the country's Young Farmers will soon make this efficiency figure even better.

ORSON and ORSINI in a rare quiet moment of satisfaction from PRINCE OF FOXES, the spectacular adventure romance that Twentieth Century-Fox painstakingly filmed in authentic locations in Italy.

A SCENIC TREAT IN STORE

Prince Of Foxes For New Empire

Hell hath no fury like an author scorned, and the Hollywood producers know this only too well. Time out of number fortunes have been spent acquiring best-selling novels and turning them into pictures, only to have the author complain to all and sundry that the film is a travesty of his original. Twentieth Century Fox executives were all in a dither, therefore, when Dr. Samuel Shellabarger, author of the best-selling "Prince of Foxes" came to view their filmic version of his celebrated novel.

They were pleasantly surprised when he pronounced himself more than satisfied with he screen version, and complimented them on the lavishness and pain-staking care they had expended on his historical drama.

"Prince Of Foxes", in fact, was shot entirely on location in Italy, the bulk of the film being produced in the tiny state of San Marino, thus guaranteeing an absolutely authentic atmosphere Starring Tyrone Power and Orson Welles, the film is a scenic treat that comes once in many, many moons. The film opens at the New Empire theatre next week as the Christmas attraction.

READY FOR A STRUGGLE

Morocco People Want Independence

CAIRO, Dec. 14 (P.T.I.-Reuter): Abdul Krim el Khattabi, veteran Riff leader, in his first public address since his exile 24 years ago declared here today that the peoples of Morocco, Algeria and Tunisia were "ready to resume armed struggle for independence if peaceful means failed to solve the North African problem soon".

The sixty-six-year-old Emir, who sought refuge in Egypt two years ago, when on his way to France from exile in Reunion Island, was inaugurating the annual session of the International Relations Club of the American University in Cairo.

The veterar North African warrior advocated a rapprochement between France, Spain and North Africa to avoid "open revolt".

The Emir called on the youth of the world to "unite regardless of religion, language or race against imperialism".

Riff leader Abdul Krim fought against France and Spain from 1921 to 1926 and ended twenty-one years exile in 1947. He was reported to have placed himself at King Farouk's disposal last year as "a soldier for any duties to save Palestine".

The Emir strongly attacked France and Spain for their "colonial ambitions" and said that "repressive policy" would soon lead to open revolt while the United Nations watched helplessly".

He urged Britain and the United States to exert their influence on France and Spain to implement the North African independence "essential to security of the Mediterranean and world peace".

He hoped UNESCO, would extend its activity to North Africa because after 120 years of imperialism "we still find illiteracy prevailing".

General Strike Threat In Italy

POLICE SHOOT

ROME, Dec. 14 (P.T.I.-Reuter): Italian Communist and anti-Communist Trade Unions joined today in threatening a new nation-wide wave of strikes starting with a 24-hour stoppage by more than a million civil servants tomorrow.

Soon after a breakdown in talks between the Government and Civil Service Unions for a wage increase the strike order went out from the unions headquarters.

Workers in public services, teachers in state schools, telegraph workers, hospital attendants, road menders and firemen are all striking, though the unions have stated that emergency hospital services and a skeleton crew of fire watchers will be maintained.

The communist-led General Labour Confederation stated today that unless "the Government comes to terms in the meantime" tomorrow's strike will be followed by walk-outs in Italcable, largest privately-owned cable company in Italy, and gasworks throughout the country.

BARI (Italy), Dec. 14 (P.T.I.-Reuter): Ten Italian peasants were wounded by a burst of machine gun fire today when they invaded a police station near Matera, southern Italy.

They were demonstrating against the arrest of 15 peasants, who resisted eviction by police from land they seized from big local estates.

GERMAN DEPUTY WITHDRAWS

Violent Pro-Nazi Speech

BONN, Dec. 14, (PTI-Reuter): Herr Wolfgang Hedley, West German right-wing deputy, accused of making a "violent pro-Nazi and anti-Semitic speech" at Einfeld, Schleswig-Holstein, today withdrew from the Assembly.

Dr Erich Koehler, President of the House, announced Herr Hedler's withdrawal in a statement to the Assembly. He said the statement had been approved by leaders of all parties including Hedler's own German Party, after long discussion in the House Rules Committee.

He added that the State Government of Schleswig-Holstein was expected to apply shortly for the lifting of Hedler's parliamentary immunity.

According to shorthand reports of the speech, now in the possession of the Schleswig-Holstein Ministry of Justice and published in the German press, Hedler described Hitler's German opponents as "traitors responsible for our present misery" and declared that the mass extermination of Jews was "a matter of opinion".

Late last night Herr Hedler denied having said this. "The alleged statements are so dirty that I disavow them with the greatest indignation", he declared.

The German Party is represented in Dr. Konrad Adenauer's coalition Government.

Saurashtra's Future No Merger

NEW DELHI, Dec. 15 (PTI): The question of merger of Saurashtra Union with Bombay was raised by Pandit Bhargava in Parliament today.

Pandit Bhargava asked whether the Government of India were aware that the people of Saurashtra Union were in favour of merger with the Province of Bombay and whether the proposal was under the consideration of the Government of India.

Sardar Patel's written reply stated: "No occasion has arisen so far for ascertaining public opinion in the Union on this subject. The proposal is not under consideration of the Government of India."

VOTE AGAINST EQUALITY

British Explanation

LONDON, Dec. 14 (P.T.I.-Reuter): Mr. Hector Hughes, Labour, asked in the House of Commons today on what grounds the British Delegation to the United Nations General Assembly voted against equal education for children of all races in non-self-governing territories.

Colonial Secretary, Arthur Creench Jones replied that the vote was not cast against the principle of equal education as such.

A vote in favour would have implied an admission that the United Nations had a locus standi for interfering in British colonial administration in a way which the United Nations Charter did not in fact support, he said.

Our Mysore Newsletter

GREATER BANGALORE SCHEME USHERED IN

New Corporation To Consist 75 Members

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT

BANGALORE, (By All—Up Mail)

THE long cherished idea of a greater Bangalore comprising the hitherto two distinct units of the City and the Civil Station, was accomplished when the Bangalore Corporation was inaugurated this week. By this Bangalore has become one of the largest self-governing units in the State of Mysore.

In a thought-provoking message His Excellency, Mr. C. Rajagopalachari, Governor-General, reminded the Councillors that greatness had its corresponding increased responsibility. "To look after the whole of Bangalore, the old Pettah, all the great extentions that have grown in recent times and area formerly composed in Cantonment of Bangalore is a very big job. It requires utmost civic spirit and energy to do the job well" he said.

"Whichever is the majority party, it must bear all the blame of any defects in the administration and share with all the parties praise earned for good administration. Cleanliness is the first biggest duty. Bangalore is naturally beautiful. May new Corporation do everything possible to add to its beauty", the message concluded.

The new Corporation consists of 75 members of whom 50 will be councillors elected to general seats. Six have been reserved for Depressed Classes, six for women, four have been reserved for Trade and Commerce and five Aldermen. Nomination and separate electorates on communal basis have been dispensed with.

Mr. K. C. Reddy, Chief Minister, inaugurating the Corporation traced the history of Bangalore. It was, Kempe Gowda, he said, who founded this City some four centuries ago, and after him the City had changed not only in size and population but also had grown in tradition.

In order to save expenditure as for as possible in the day-to-day administration, the Mysore Government Ministers have volunteered a cut of ten per cent in their salaries from December, '49, following the lead given by the Centre.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

"JANA GANA MANA" alone should be recognised as the National Anthem of India pending a final decision by the Constituent Assembly and it must not be played for more than one minute and when played respect should be shown by standing without moving about. This instruction has been issued by the Government of Mysore in an official notification. The Notification adds that it is undesirable that Cinema Houses, should play it after each performance and this should be definitely discouraged. It could be suggested to Cinema Houses that at the end of the performances, the National Flag should be shown on the screen and that the Anthem should not be played except on special occasions.

LLO. SESSION

The 110th Session of the Governing Council of the International Labour Organisation will meet in Mysore during this month. Mr. David A. Morse, Director-General of the International Labour organisation will attend the meeting.

It may be recalled that at the San Francisco Conference in 1948, Mysore's Labour Minister, Mr. K. T. Bashayam, a Governing Delegate in the Indian Delegation extended the invitation for the Governing Body to meet in Mysore, which was supported by the Government of India and formally sponsored in the Governing Body. The present meeting is being called as a result of this invitation. This meeting will be attended by representatives from 50 different countries. This is the first meeting of the International Labour Organisation to be held in Asia.

The Session of the Governing Body of the I.L.O. will be preceeded by a number of meetings, the first of which will be on Man power, Technical training and Migration.

Among the important members who are attending the Council will be Government representatives from U.S. A., United Kingdom, India, France, China, Canada, Belgium, Holland, Peru, Italy. Australia Etc., Employers and workers representatives will be arriving from Uruguay, U. K. India, U.S.A. Denmark, Italy, Pakistan, Cuba, Mexico, Chile and Argentina.

The three Assistant Director-Generals Mr. Jenks, Mr. Rens and Mr. Rao, will also attend the Council. Dr. Wou, of China Special Adviser to Director-General will also attend the Conference.

League Demonstrator In London Fined

LONDON, Dec. 15, (PTI): Syed Vazal Shah, President of the Muslim League "Azad" Kashmir Society in Britain, was fined a total of four pounds sterling here today for obstructing the police and for insulting behaviour during the recent visit of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru.

He was ordered to pay fifteen guineas costs, and his counsel, Mr. Dudley Collard, said there would be an appeal.

Further evidence for the defence was called when the case was resumed today.

A Pakistan newspaper correspondent said that when Mr. Shah and the members of his organisation were demonstrating outside India House, they shouted slogans such as "Long Live the Freedom of Kashmir". There was nothing violent or provocative about the demonstrators, however.

A member of the Committee of the Free Kashmir League told the Court that when they got near India House a police officer told them to fold up their banners. At that time they were shouting slogans. Mr. Shah told them to be quiet and they moved away.

PROCLAMATION OF REPUBLIC

No Formalities By Britain

LONDON, Dec. 15, (UPI): There will be no formal or official action by the British Government to mark the Indian proclamation of Republic on January 26 next. Friendly exchanges of greetings from the King. Prime Minister and other well-known friends of India will honour the occasion. It is not yet known whether any Cabinet members will be present in Delhi on the occasion.

CHAMBON CALLED FOR CONSULTATIONS

PONDICHERRY, Dec. 15, (PTI): Mr. Jean Georges Chambon, Commissioner for French Indian Settlements, has been called for consultations by the French Government this month, it was learnt here today.

It is presumed that the French desire to consult him on matters connected with the debate on French India in the National Assembly due to begin on December 22.

M. Chambon, who is at present under treatment for injury due to dog bite, is understood to have intimated his inability to proceed to Paris immediately. He will however, leave for France in the first week of January, 1950, according to reliable sources.

U. S. Blames Russia

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15. (PTI-Reuter): The State Department today officially blamed the Soviet Union for the failure of four-power negotiations in New York for an Austrian treaty.

U. N. Discussion On Kashmir

DELEGATES GET READY

NEW YORK, Dec. 14, (PTI): Sir Girja Shanker Bajpai who is to lead the Indian Delegation at the Security Council table when the Kashmir question comes up for discussion on December 17 has been busy since his arrival holding consulation on the subject cables D. P. Wagle P.T.I. correspondent.

He has met some of the leading delegations represented on the Security Council as well as prominent United Nations personalities and officials of the American Government. This morning he again had talks with Sir Benegal Narasang Rau, India's Permanent Delegate.

In view of the nearness of the debate, activity among both the Indian and Pakistan delegations has been mounting. There was no inclination in any quarter to express an opinion on the implications of the Commission's recommendations pending the explanations of the Commission itself, which are expected to be made on the opening day of the debate.

Meanwhile one document which has been in some demand, in contrast to previous hearings of the subject, is the "standstill agreement" between Pakistan and Kashmir.

Not much importance however, is attached at the present age to any academic arguments that may be adduced during the Security Council's third hearing of the subject, based on the interpretation of that agreement. Mr. D. Dar, Deputy Foreign Minister of Kashmir, now in New York, said he was awaiting the arrival tomorrow of his Prime Minister Shaikh Abdullah and until then he would not comment on the Commission's recommendations.

He said, however, that it was significant that the statement made by Shaikh Abdullah before the Security Council when it first heard the Indian complaint had been fully vindicated.

Mr. Dar said, "that statement — not credited by the Security Council at the time—was that Pakistan had aided Kashmir's invaders and was to that extent, herself an aggressor.

"Since then the Kashmir Commission have themselves clearly stated that they had been confronted with a new situation due to the presence of Pakistan forces in places where they had not expected them.

"The disbandment and disarming of the 'Azad Kashmir forces—which are no longer a rabble but an organised army equipped and trained by Pakistan —is essential for ensuring that the will of the people is not fettered or coerced in the plebiscite.

HALTING SPREAD OF COMMUNISM

Dr. Jessup On Survey Tour

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15, (PTI-Reuter): Dr. Philip Jessup, United States Ambassador At-Large, left for a two months survey of conditions in the Far East.

He will visit India and Pakistan during the tour.

Dr. Jessup, who is leading Administration Adviser on Far Eastern policy, will confer with American diplomats on the spot about steps to halt the spread of Communism.

He left Washington by train and is to sail from San Francisco on Tuesday for Japan, arriving there on January 5.

In Tokyo, which will be his first stop, he is expected to confer with General Douglas MacArthur, and will later travel to Bangkok, Siam, for a meeting with leading American diplomats from all over the Far East The conference is due to last from February 11 to 15.

He will then visit India and Pakistan, and probably return to the United States by ship via the Mediterranean.

VERY LITTLE JUTE SMUGGLING

KARACHI, Dec. 15, (UPI): A spokesman of Pakistan's Commerce Ministry today denied that there was any large scale smuggling of jute from East Pakistan to India.

The spokesman said that the anti-smuggling measures taken by the Government in East Pakistan were very vigorous and effective and if there was any smuggling of jute to India, the quantity must be very very small. He declared that Government are determined to close down even the tiniest loophole for smugglers.

PROF. MUNDASSERY IN MOTOR ACCIDENT

ERNAKULAM, Dec. 15. (PTI): Two persons were injured, one seriously, when a motor transport van carrying six passengers dashed against a tree on the outskirts of Vaikkam this morning. The van was badly damaged.

The condition of Prof. Mundassery who was admitted into the Vaikkam Hospital is reported to be serious.

Calcutta Students Detained In East Pakistan

JAMALPUR (East Pakistan), Dec. 15 (PTI-Reuter): Two students of the Calcutta Arts College were arrested here by the railway police on a charge of making a sketch of the Singhjani Railway Station in Mymensingh District. They have been detained in the Jail Hazat under the East Pakistan Public Safety Ordinance.

U. K. May Have To Foot Atlantic Bill

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15. (PTI-Reuter): Britain may have to arm herself without help from the Americans —and foot the bill—to fulfill her Atlantic Pact obligations.

This possibility is not excluded in Washington now that Britain has objected to the terms under which the United States proposed to supply her with weapons.

Wage Strike In Italy

ROME, Dec. 15. (PTI-Reuter): About a third of Italy's 1,000,000 State workers today began a 24-hour wage strike called by both Communist and non-Communist unions.

Postal services stopped completely but public transport ran normally.

ENDOWMENT FUNDS TAKEN AWAY

LONDON, Dec. 15. (PTI-Reuter): The Bishoprics of Tinnevelly and Dornakal in South India, which seceded to the New Church of South India, were today, by British High Court order, deprived of funds established for their endowment.

East German Army

BERLIN, Dec. 15. (PTI-Reuter): The Soviet Foreign Minister, M. Andrei Vyshinsky, was today reported to have told leading East German politicians that Russia would only take steps to form an East German army if an armed force was established in West Germany.

German sources claiming close contact with the Soviet Control Commission said M Vyshinsky, who is visiting Berlin on his way back to Moscow from Lake Success, had a long conference with Herr Milhelm Pieck, President of the East German Republic, and Herr Ealter Ulbright, East German Deputy Premier. Both are veteran Moscow trained Communists.

U. K. LIFTS IMPORT RESTRICTIONS

LONDON, Dec. 15 (PTI-Reuter): The lifting of import restrictions on a wide range of goods was announced in the House of Commons today by Mr. Harold Wilson, President of the Board of Trade.

These will fully discharge Britain's obligations under the recent decisions of the European Economic Co-operation organisation aimed at feeding European trade.

In conjunction with similar measures announced in September, the relaxations in the raw materials group now extends to 68 per cent of 1948 imports and 50 per cent in feeding stuffs and manufactured goods.

K. L. M. Suffered Severe Loss

EFFECT OF INDIA'S BAN ON LANDING

THE HAGUE, Dec. 15, (PTI-Reuter): The Netherlands Government has not claimed any damages against the Governments of India, Burma, Iraq, Pakistan and Ceylon for their ban on the landing of KLM—Royal Dutch Airlines—planes on their airfields as a protest against the Dutch "police action" in Indonesia.

Announcing this today Minister of Transport DWG Spitzen said that after consultation with the Foreign Minister, Stikker it was decided not to make a claim for losses "because the difficulties resulted from a difference in political views" and for "other very important reasons"

The Minister did not disclose the difficulties but they were to be given confidentially to the members of the Second Chamber.

CONSIDERABLE LOSS

Mr. Spitzen told members of the Second Chamber that KLM had lost much of its traffic along the route to other companies and had therefore incurred considerable losses.

India, Pakistan, Burma, Iraq and Ceylon imposed a landing ban on KLM aircraft on the Amsterdam-Batavia route in December 1948 shortly after the second Dutch military action in Indonesia began.

The ban was lifted by these countries in July 1949 after the Republican Government had been reinstated by the Dutch in the Indonesian capital, Jogjakarta.

MUSLIM WEEKLY SEALED

Evacuee Property

AHMEDABAD, Dec. 15, (PTI): The office and the press of the "Deen", Muslim weekly published from Ahmedabad, has been sealed by the Custodian of Evacuee Property under the Evacuee Property Ordinance as the owner of the paper has settled in Pakistan and is considered an evacuee.

Dacoit Arrested In Banka

BHAGALPUR, Dec. 15, (UPI):—Roshan Singh an absconder for the last three years, who was wanted by the police in connection with several cases of dacoity, is reported to have been arrested by the officer in charge of Rajouri Police Station in Banka Sub-Division.

Tarini Thakur of village Pabai who was wanted in connection with a murder at Monghyr has been arrested along with an accomplice of his. Revolver and some cartridges were recovered from their possession.

COPENHAGEN HOUSEWIVES STAGE BUYERS' STRIKE

COPENHAGEN—Copenhagen housewives are on strike a "buyers' strike". This is a novel form of strike to Denmark and at the moment, at least, appears to be having an effect.

The strike goes back to the middle of last month when the government de-rationed meat and removed the ceiling prices.

Overnight, prices for all kinds of meat soared by as much as fifty per cent. On the first morning of "free" meat and pork, housewives went joyfully to their butchers with visions of real steaks or perhaps, a whole side of bacon.

Of every ten housewives who happily greeted their butcher that morning, nine came out of his shop empty handed. Little knots of women gathered outside the shops to discuss the rocketing prices. Nearly everyone reached the same conclusion — at the new prices, meat rationed itself.

The housewives went back to their fishmongers and greengrocers and Danish husbands sat down to the more or less normal meat-less dinner on that first Monday of de-rationed meat.

Then the "Housewives Consumer Council" got busy. This Council advised housewives to boycott their butchers as long as prices remained high. "Eat more fish" became their slogan—and it was backed by Mr. H. C. Hanson, Minister of Finance.

He advised housewives to "do as my wife does—buy fish sometimes"

Most butchers were sympathetic. They understood the position of the housewives only too well. Some even put notices reading "Eat more Fish" in their own windows.

At the same time, they said that they had to pay more for the meat to the wholesalers.

For several days the battle raged uncertainly. High prices stayed. Copenhagen was virtually the only area affected, for although the official meat ration has always been the same all over the country the supply situation has been far better in the provinces.

For this reason, de-rationing did not give rise to expectations of steeply rising consumption outside the capital.

But in Copenhagen, which houses one quarter of Denmark's 4,500,000 inhabitants, feeling ran high. In a few working class districts, pickets turned up outside butchers' shops and exhorted prospective customers to refrain from buying.

In Copenhagen's main meat market meat supplies were the highest in ten years, since rationing had been in force, and the storehouses were filled to bursting point.

Then the meat suppliers capitulated — but nobody really believed that it was an unconditional capitulation. Prices fell sharply — in some cases to levels below the previous ceiling prices.

Individual butchers had stopped buying as they realised that they had been too optimistic over their first "free" purchases.

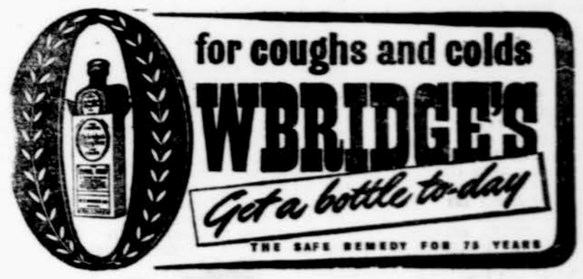
Housewives expressed their satisfaction with the lower prices and visited their butchers again. For a day or two all went well for the housewives, anyway.

Then the suppliers struck.

They started to withhold their supplies to the meat market. Unsold stocks in the market began to go bad and only small fresh supplies found their way there.

Now, heated debate is going on between farmers, middlemen, wholesalers and butchers who all in turn deny responsibility for the increased meat prices.

The butchers say that the increase in pork prices is to some extent unavoidable since the government subsidy has been withdrawn. This has caused a rise in the wholesale price from 2.65 kroner per kilo (roughly 4d. a pound) to four kroner a kilo (roughly two shillings a pound) — P.T.I.-Reuter.



MEET EUGENIE ANDERSON

U. S. A.'s First Woman Ambassador

AN American mother who lives on a farm and bakes her own bread but who has a broad and active interest in national and international affairs is the first woman ever appointed as a United States Ambassador.

She is Mrs. Eugenie Anderson of Red Wing, in the north-central state of Minnesota, who is arriving in Copenhagen to take up her duties this month as Ambassador to Denmark. She was sworn into the office in Washington, on October 28.

The first American woman Minister also was assigned to Denmark. Mrs. Ruth Bryan Owen (late Mrs. Borge Rohde) was appointed Minister there by the late President Roosevelt in 1933 and served in that post until 1936. The American legation in Denmark was elevated to embassy status in 1947.

Mrs. Anderson has risen from local to national prominence in the short span of five years. Explaining her own entry into United States politics in 1944, Mrs. Anderson said: "I was one of many who suddenly realized that the victories of the war would not be guarantees for democracy; that winning the war merely gave us a new chance to keep working, but that unless there was a far greater participation by many more levels of government, we would lose by default the great victories for which so many had died."

Mrs. Anderson has served as Democratic National Committee woman from the state of Minnesota for the last year. This makes her titular head of women members of the Democratic Party in her state. She first entered politics in 1944 because she regarded the views of her Congressional representative on American foreign policy as isolationist. She was elected a delegate to the 1944 Minnesota Democratic convention. Last year, after serving as a delegate-at-large to the Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia, she supervised the campaign in Minnesota for President Truman's election.

COMMUNITY WORK

Mrs. Anderson considers community work important public service. While her children were small, she organized and directed for three years a nursery school in the town of Red Wing which has a population of 10,000. She also organized and supervised for four years a school-lunch programme at the school near her home. The only elected office she has held is membership on the local school board. Elected in 1945, she was the first woman ever to serve. During the war she worked in local Red Cross and war bond drives. For several years before she entered Democratic Party politics, she worked in the non-partisan League of Women Voters. She had lectured on the United Nations, the Baruch plan of atomic energy control, and aspects of American foreign policy, including the Marshall aid plan to Europe and the North Atlantic Treaty.

Mrs. Anderson is 5 feet 5 inches tall. She is slender and has blue-gray eyes and light brown hair that is graying at the temples. She prefers to wear simple, tailored clothes. She loves to walk in the country. She sees in President Truman's appointment of her as America's first woman Ambassador a "symbol of his own belief in the ability of women in public life." She thinks he intended to signify to all women that he recognizes "our growing assumption of mature, responsible citizenship, our work for the public good, not simply as women and others, but as citizens and as people."—USIS.

UNIQUE HONOUR

Mrs. Eugenie Anderson of Red Wing, Minnesota, who has been named by President as U.S. Ambassador to Denmark, the first woman in U.S. history to be named to such a diplomatic rank.

A native of the midwestern state of Iowa, 40-year-old Mrs. Anderson is the wife of an artist and the mother of two children. She has been active in a number of women's and public service organizations. An accomplished pianist, Mrs. Anderson attended Stephens College at Columbia, in the midwestern state of Missouri, and later Carleton College in Northfield, Minnesota, and the Institute of Musical Arts in New York City. The Andersons live on a 500-acre farm near Red Wing.—USIS PHOTO.

The way of life we cherish

The clap of hands, the crack of striking wood, the rhythmic stamp of dancing feet — these are as much a part of India today as they were a thousand years ago. Yet let us always remember that this way of life, sanctified by tradition and enriched by memories and affection, can only continue behind the bulwarks of industrial prosperity.

TATA STEEL

THE TATA IRON & STEEL COMPANY LTD., HEAD SALES OFFICE: 102, MEHTA BUILDING ROAD, CALCUTTA.

Further Rise In Steels Attracts Professional Liquidation

COTTON MILL SHARES MOVE WITHIN NARROW RANGE

BOMBAY, Dec. 15.

The Bombay Stock Exchange again ruled firm with increased buying and short covering. There is a determined effort on the part of bulls to push up prices and occasional profit-taking is well absorbed without any important set-back in prices. It is said that old bulls are liquidating but their place is now being taken by fresh buyers who are impressed with general rise in all industrial shares. Moreover they rely on increased industrial production and higher dividends. The dividend control is expected to go and they count on fat dividends. The increase of Rs. 16 crores in notes circulation is considered a bullish factor as more funds will come out for investment.

Tata Steel Defds opened today at Rs. 1535 against yesteradys close at Rs 1525 and declined at Rs. 1520 on moderate realising sales. As soon as the selling pressure subside, bulls became aggressive buyers and pushed up Tata Steel Defd. at Rs. 1537-8 Ordinary Shares opened at Rs. 314 and after declining at Rs. 311 advanced at Rs. 314. Indian Irons were done at Rs. 30-12.

Bombay Dyeings opened at Rs. 1085 and declined at Rs. 1080, Kohinoors were firm on steady buying and after opening at Rs. 302 firmed up at Rs. 306 on expectation of handsome dividend Nagpurs opened at Rs. 258 and after declining at Rs. 254 advanced at Rs. 259, Swadeshi Mill shares opened at Rs. 282 and after touching Rs. 280 rallied at Rs. 282, Scindia Shares were quoted at Rs. 14-9.

Later on there was some professional unloading in Steel shares and Defds. were quoted at Rs. 1537-8 while Ordinary Shares were done at Rs. 315. There was restricted activity in cotton mill shares and Bombay Dyeings were done at Rs. 1075, Kohinoors were quoted at Rs. 304 and Simplex shares were done at Rs. 204 Imperial Bank fully paid were done at Rs. 1795 and partly paid were quoted at Rs. 450, Central Bank shares were steady at Rs. 84, Scindias were placed at Rs. 14-9. Belapurs came in business at Rs. 227 while Alcocks were quoted at Rs 272-8. The market closed steady absorbing liquidation by old bulls.

FORWARD SECTION

MILL SHARES	
Bombay Dyeing (10-8)	1078 12
Kohinoor Mills (4-2)	305 0
Swadeshi Mills (12-4)	283 0
Central India Mills (6)	258 0
Simplex Mills (6-8)	206 0
New Great Eastern (8)	170 0
Indore (8-3)	137 3
Gokak Mills (12)	278 0
Century Spinning (15)	252 0
Swan Mills (20)	322 0
Indian Bleaching (6)	152 0
Finlay Mills (15)	276 0
Morarji Gokuldas (S)	445 0
Edward Sassoon (30)	242 8
Meyer (12)	112 8
Apollo Mills (As. 4)	3 0
India United Ord. (0-13-9)	12 8
India United Defd. (0-2-6)	2 0
Madhusudan Mills (15)	175 0
Podar (S)	146 4
Khatau Makanji (5)	186 4
Swadeshi Coupon	68 0
STEEL SHARES	
Tata Steel Ord. (14)	315 0
Tata Steel Defd. (64-13)	1537 8
Tata Steel 2nd Pref. (7-8)	137 8
CEMENT	
Associated Cement (6)	151 0
INDUSTRIES	
Burma (12-8)	340 0
Belapur Sugar (9)	228 0
Shivrajpur Syndicate (1-8)	35 0
Scindia Steam (0-8)	14 8
Premier Construction	99 8
Tata Chemical	13 7
Tata Oil (2)	53 8
Indian Iron (As. 12)	30 12
Bengal Steel (0-12)	23 8
British Indian Corp. (0-9)	9 3
Indian Copper	2 7
Wimco	220 0
Alcock	275 0
ELECTRIC SHARES	
Tata Power (25)	1482 8
Andhra Valley (20)	1010 0
Tata Hydro (3)	153 0

CASH SECTION

COTTON MILLS	
Elphinstone Mills (5)	62 0
Phoenix (50)	136 4
Indian Mfg.	2920 0
Kurla XD	125 0
Colaba (12)	124 0
New City (11)	186 4
Minerva (12)	134 3
Bradbury (12)	630 0
Bharucha Defd. (0-4)	5 0
Bharat Mills (2)	87 0
Mysore (4)	164 1
Model Mills (12-8)	182 8
Lakshmi Cotton (25)	690 0
Vishnu Cotton (8)	232 8
Western India (40)	3920 1
Standard (15)	227 8
Sholapur Mills (200)	2860 1
Sassoon Cotton Mills (0-8)	16 8
Hindustan Mills (40)	4000 1
Tata Mills (2-4)	58 0
Ahmedabad Advance (9)	240 0
New Ahmedabad	195 1
Sassoon Silk (3) XD	32 0
New Union Mills (0-8)	15 14
Madhusudan S (2-8)	35 0
Shrinivas Mills (S)	170 0
Raja Bahadur (4)	62 0
Berar Mills	250 0
Victoria Mills	225 0
ELECTRIC (CASH)	
Ahmedabad Electric (1-8)	127 8
Ahmedabad New	75 4
Surat Electric	126 14
Karachi Electric (2)	136 14
Broach (0-5)	6 12
Ajmer Electricity (0-8)	10 8
Amalgamated (0-12)	12 4
Nagpur Electricity (1-12)	26 8
Poona Electricity Supply (S)	141 4
Bombay Suburban (3)	149 6
Bombay Suburban New	85 0
BANK SHARES	
Imperial Bank of India (35)	1797 8
Imperial Bank P (8-12)	450 0
Central Bank (1-8)	84 0
Central Bank New (1-8)	85 0
Bank of India (4)	171 8
Union (0-5)	7 6
Baroda (2-8)	123 0
Devkaran Nanjee Bank (1-8)	41 0
United Commercial (1-8)	51 8
Jaipur Bank (1-5)	35 8
Hindustan Commercial	17 0
Mysore Bank (8)	305 0
Eastern Bank (0-14-6)	94 0
INSURANCE SHARES	
Oriental (125)	4250
Empire (10)	541 4
New India (1-7)	64 8
Jupiter (0-12)	13 0
Vulcan (0-10)	12 0
Indian Mercantile (2)	36 0
Universal (0-4)	11 4
B. I. G. (1)	14 10
Industrial and Prudential	26 8
Neptune	7 0
New Great	25 0
All India General	14 0
RAILWAY SHARES	
C.P. (1-14) XD	113 8
MISCELLANEOUS SHARES	
Steamer (103)	220 0
Bombay Burma New (5)	119 0
Burma Petrol	1 7
Mackenzie (6)	77 8
Port Canning (3)	60 0
Kemp and Co. (30)	365 0
Zandu Pharmacy (7)	125 0
Industrial Invest Trust (3-12)	89 0
Dharamsey Chemical (3)	40 0
Mukund Iron	13 0
Dena Trust (0-12)	16 0
Alembic (15)	50 0
Supreme Industries	72 8
Bombay Uganda	67 8
Bombay Motor Cycle	28 0
Indian Cement (1937)	171 4
Walchand Nagar Industries (B. S.)	48 12
United Motor	28 0
Associated Cement New (2)	136 4
Bombay Safe Deposit (27)	880 0
Hydary Construction	19 10
Mahmadi Steam	96 0
Sardar Carbonic X.D.	700 0
Harvey Press	810 0
Gujarat Motor	28 0
Estrella Batteries	30 8
Manmad Press	120 0
National Rayon	56 0
PREFERENCE SHARES	
Tata Steel 1st (6)	195 0
Andhra Valley (7)	1230 0
Tata Power (7-8)	1305 0
Hydro Electric (7)	129 6
Bombay Steamer (6)	220 0
Central India (5)	655 0
Swedeshi Mills	130 0
Vishnu Mills (7)	650 0
Lakshmi Mills	267 8
Khatau	100 0
New Great Mills (5-8)	220 4
Podar Mills (4)	105 10
Shrinivas Mills	98 0
Elphinstone Mills (7)	105 0
Bradbury Mills (7-8)	316 0
Surat Electricity (3-4)	130 0
Pre. Construction First	100 8
Pre. Construction 2nd Pref.	97 8
Amalgamated	115 0
Habib	72 9
Tata Chemical	126 4
Walchandnager	130 0
Jupiter	19 14
Supreme	100 0
Meyer	110 0
Mackenzie (1st)	85 0
Mackenzie (2)	80 0
Ahmedabad Advance	132 8
Mysore Mill	60 0
Standard	99 0
Madhusudan	12 0
Khatau	100 12
Morarji	94 8
National Rayon	74 8
DEBENTURES	
Andhra 1952	103 8
Gula Kajamsingh	8 9
Rubber Planting	17 0
Bombay Steamer	97 0
Indian Hume Pipe	101 8
Tata Power 1951	103 0
Walchandnagar	105 0
OUTSIDE SHARES	
Burma Corporation	2 14
New Victoria	3 0
New Victoria 2 (Pref.)	4 4
Palton (8)	120 0
Gold Mohor	302 8
New Kaiser Hind	305 0
Sajjan Mills X.D.	145 0
Osmanshahi (16)	250 0
Azamshahi	280 0
Air Services	4 0
Air India Tata	61 0
Hind Motors	5 5
Indian Steam	2 2 6

Indian Stock Exchange

BOMBAY, Dec. 15.

Tata Ordinary 315; Tata Deferred 1537-8; Indian Iron 30-12; Steel Corpn of Bengal 23-8; Bombay Dyeing 1078-12; Central India 258-12; Gokak 278-12; Kohinoor 305; Simplex 206; Swadeshi 283-12; Tata Power 1482-8; Associated Cement 151-14; Belapur 228-12; Bombay Burma (Old) 340; Scindia 14-8; Central Bank 84; New India 64-8, Tata 2nd Pref. 137-8.

GOLD AND SILVER

BOMBAY, Dec. 15

The local Bullion market was steady today with moderate buying. It appears that Bulls are again out to push up Silver prices and they are supporting the market.

At the opening Posh delivery Silver was quoted at Rs. 173/6 and after a small decline of annas two improved at Rs. 173/10 on moderate buying. Ready Silver was quoted at Rs. 173/4. Posh delivery Gold opened at Rs. 113/4 and after improving at Rs. 113/6 steadied at Rs. 113/4. Ready Gold was quoted at Rs. 114 and Sovereigns were placed at Rs. 75/12.

Final quotations were as under:—

Ready Silver	173	9	0
Posh delivery	173	12	0
Ready Gold	113	15	0
Posh delivery	113	3	0

PRODUCE MARKET CLOSED

BOMBAY, Dec. 15

As a mark of respect to the death of a member, the local Produce market remained closed today.

GOVERNMENT LOANS

BOMBAY, Dec. 15.

2 1/2 per cent 1954	98	14	0
2 1/2 per cent 1950	100	4	0
2 1/2 per cent 1955	99	11	0
2 1/2 per cent 1961	96	9	0
2 1/2 per cent 1960	99	9	0
2 3/4 per cent 1962	99	2	0
2 3/4 per cent 1973	96	0	0
3 per cent Con	97	14	0
3 per cent 1951-54	101	13	0
3 per cent 1952-55	102	0	0
3 per cent 1957	101	12	0
3 per cent 1959-61	101	6	0
3 per cent 1963-65	100	10	0
3 per cent 1956-68	100	8	0
3 per cent 1970-75	100	2	0
3 1/2 per cent 1954-59	104	9	0
3 1/2 per cent 1960-70	110	4	0
4 1/2 per cent 1950-55	101	12	0
4 1/2 per cent 1958-60	110	8	9
4 1/2 per cent 1958-66	113	0	0

PROVINCIAL LOANS

3 per cent Bombay 1962	99	4	0
2 3/4 per cent C.P 1961	97	1	0
2 3/4 per cent Madras 1961	97	1	0
3 per cent Bombay 1955	100	8	0
3 per cent Bombay 1958	100	4	0
3 per cent Punjab 1952	99	0	0
3 per cent Madras 1952-53	100	6	0
3 per cent U P 1952	100	6	0
3 per cent C. P. 1952	100	6	0
3 per cent N.W.F 1952	98	2	0
3 per cent U P. 1961-68	99	12	0
3 1/4 per cent Municipal 1977	99	0	0
4 per cent B P T long dated	109	12	0
4 per cent Bombay Muni	109	8	0
5 p.c. Bombay Muni 1959	114	0	0
6 per cent Bom. Municipality 1954	113	8	0
6 per cent K. P. T. 1956	113	12	0

INDIAN COTTON PARITY

Indian Cotton May delivery is 1347 cents points below New York May contract.

ALEXANDRIA COTTON

ALEXANDRA, Dec. 14.

KARNAK Jan.	76.90+125
Mar.	76.09+140
May	76.65+105
ASHMOUNI Dec.	78.70+165
Feb.	77.65+145
Apr.	75.85+125

ART SILK YARN

BOMBAY, Dec. 15.

120 Ready Japan	4	12	0
150 Ready Japan	4	8	0
120 Ready Italy	4	10	0
150 Ready Italy	4	5	6
150 D. Box Dec.	871	0	0
150 D. Box January	869	0	0
December Highest	Rs. 880/-		
December Lowest	Rs. 869/-		

COPPER AND TIN

BOMBAY, Dec. 15.

Copper Ingots Maha	107	12	0
Ready	109	0	0
Tin Maha	59	8	0
Ready	60	0	0

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

LONDON, Dec. 14

2 1/2 per cent British Consols	£70 1/2
3 1/2 per cent Government Loan 1961	93 7/8
4 per cent Funding Loan 1960/90	107
3 1/2 per cent War Loan on or after December 1952	92 7/8
Chartered Bank of India	10 3/16
Hongkong & Shanghai Bank	89 1/2
National Bank of India	33 1/4

Transactions on the London Stock Exchange are officially placed at 6,183.

MADRAS SHARE BAZAR

MADRAS, Dec. 15.

Following are today's quotations:—

GOVT. SECURITIES: Three per cent Government paper 97-10 Government Paper 1986 97-14 Government Paper 1970-75 100-2 Three per cent Government of Madras 1960 100-1-6.

BANKS: Travancore 13-6.

SUGARS AND BREWERIES: Deccan 15-4 Mysore 41-12 Travancore 6-10.

PLANTINGS: Chembra 4-1 Devashola 13-10 Midland 4 Nelliampathy 1-2-6 Ouchterlony 5-1 Pullangode 1-3 Thirumbadi 1-14 T. R. and T. Co. 5-4.

TEXTILES: Buckingham 152-8 Lakshmi 62 Madura 38-8 Mettur 315 Radhakrishna 150 Rajalakshmi 63 Ranga Vilas 48 Trav. Rayons 4-6 Trichinopoly 9-1.

MISCELLANEOUS: Andhra Cement 67 India Cement 17-11 Mettur Chem. 5-12 Mysore Chem. Fert. 7-8.

MONEY MARKET

BOMBAY, Dec. 14.

B. C. Rates T T D D 1/5 15/16 Ready.

B. C. Rates I. T. D D. 1/5 29/32 up to 6 Months.

London Banks Selling T T D D 1/5 31/32 Ready

London Banks Selling T. T D D 1/5 15/16 up to 6 Months.

London Banks Buying T. T. 1/6 1/32 to 9th Month.

London Banks Buying T. T. 1/6 1/16 10th-12th Month.

London Banks Buying D. D. 1/6 1/16 to 4th Month.

London Banks Buying D. D. 1/6 3/32 5th & 6th Month.

London Banks Buying D D 1/6 1/8 7th—9th Month

London Banks Buying 60 and 90 d/st. 1/6 1/8 to 4th Month

London Banks Buying 60 and 90 d/st. 1/6 5/32 5th & 6th Month.

London Banks Buying 60 and 90 d/st. 1/6 3/16 7th—9th Month.

London Banks Buying 120 d/st 1/6 5/32 to 4th Month

London Banks Buying 120 d/st 1/6 3/16 5th & 6th Month.

London Banks Buying 120 d/st 1/6 7/32 7th—9th Month.

New York B. C. Rate T. T. Rs 478 1/4, Montreal Rs. 435

Banks Selling T. T. D. D Rs 478 1/4. Montreal Rs. 435

Banks Buying T T Rs. 475 Montreal Rs 431 3/4.

Banks Buying D. D. Rs. 472 1/2 Montleal Rs. 429 3/8.

Banks Buying D. D. Rs. 473 3/4 L/C., Montreal Rs. 430 1/2 L/C

Parts Banks Selling T. T. Fcs. 7250.

Paris Banks Buying T. T. Fcs. 7500.

Amsterdam Banks Selling T. T. D. D. Fl. 79.

Switzerland Banks Selling T. T D D. Fcs. 90 1/4.

Belgium Banks Selling T. T. D. D. Fcs. 1033.

Java Banks Selling T. T. D. D. Gldr. 79.

Hongkong Banks Selling T. T D. D. Rs. 83 1/4.

Singapore Banks Selling T. T. D. D. Rs. 156 3/4.

Manila Banks Selling T. T. D. D. Rs. 238 1/2.

New York/London Cross Rate dol. 2.79 7/8 to 2.80 1/8, London/Afghanistan Cross Rate Afghani Rs. not quoted, London-Alexandria Cross Rate Pia. 97 1/4-3/4. London/Amsterdam Cross Rate Fl. 10.63-65, London/Bangkok Cross Rate Tcl. 35, London/Belgium Cross Rate Fcs. 139.90-140.10 London/Denmark Cross Rate Kr. 19.32-36, London Hongkong Cross Rate 1/2 27/32 1/2 15/16, London/Iran Cross Rate Rl. 90.20 London/Java Cross Rate Fl. 10.63-65. London/Karachi Cross Rate 2/1-84-2/1.94 London/Lisbon Cross Rate Es. 80.35 London/Manila Cross Rate Pes. 5.60-5.65 London/Montreal Cross Rate dol. 3.07-3/4-3.08 1/4 London New York Cross Rate $2.79 7/8-2.80 1/8. London/Oslo Cross Rate Kr. 19.98-20.02. London/Paris Cross Rate Fcs 979-981 London/Prague Cross Rate K. 141 London Singapore Cross Rate 2/4 1/32 2/4 5/32 London/Stockholm Cross Rate Kr 14.4 7-50 London Switzerland Cross Rate Fcs. 12.23-12.26.

London Discts 3 Mos 3/8 p.c. London Discts 6 Mos 3/4 p.c. Reserve Bank Rate 3 per cent. Bank of England Rate 2 per cent. Money: Call 3/4 per cent. 3 Mos. 1 per cent. 6 Mos. 1-1/4 per cent. 12 Mos 1-1/2 per cent

Tone: Easy.

LONDON BULLION

LONDON, Dec. 14

LONDON:—

Silver Spot and Forward both 64 pence.

Gold Bars Fine per ounce £12-8-0

Record Of Actual Transactions In Shares

BOMBAY, Dec. 15

MILLS

Apollo 3 3-1 3
Bharat 37
B. Dyeing 1087-8 90 77-8 80 75 76-12
Bradbury 527-8 30
C India 259 53 59 57-8 58
Century 252
Colaba 125 24 22-8 25 24
E. Textile 240 42-8
Elphinstone 61 62
Finlay 275 72 75-8 74 79 75 76
Gokak 280 76 80 77 78
I. U. Defd. 2-0-6 2-1 1-15-6 2
„ Ord 12-10 12-12 12-7 12-8
Indore 137-8 45 35 45 37-8
Khatau 185 86-4
Kohinoor 306 2 7 4 5
Lakshmi 690
Meyer 112/8
Model 182/8
New City 182/8 86/4 85 86/4
New Great 168 69/8 65 70
Poddar 143/12 47/8 46/4
Sassoon Cotton 16/8
Shrinivas 170
Simplex 208 2/8 7 3/8 6
Swadesh 283 80 83/8 81 83
Swadesh Pref 130
Swan 325 22
Tata Mill 57 58
Vishnu 230 29/6 32/9
Scindia 14/11 14/13 14/7 14/9 14/8
Baroda 123
Central 848 83/8 84
Central New 84 85
Imperial 1790 97/8
Imperial New 450
India 172 71/8
Union 7/6
U. Comm. 51 51/8
Ahmedabad 127-8.

Andhravely 1412-8 10.
Hydro 153-8 54 53.
Hydro Pref. 129-6.
Surat 126-14.
Tata Power 1482-8.
B. I. G. 14-10.
New India 64-8 66 64-8.
Vulcan 12.

B. Steel 23 23-6 22-13 23-10 23-5 23-8.
I. Iron 30-11 30-10 31 30-9 30-12 30-11 30-12.
Tata Defd. 1530 33-12 21-4 37-8 26-4 37-8.
Tata Ord. 314 11 15 13 16.
Tata 2nd Pref. 137 37-8 37-4 37-8.
Alcock 290 72-8 75.
A. C. C 151 52 50-8 51.
Belapur 228 26 29 27 28.
B B Old 330 31-4 30-10 42-8 36-4 40.
B. B. Petrol 1-7 1-6 1-7.
B I C 9-2-6 9 9-3.
I. Bleaching 152.
I. Copper 2-7 2-6-6 2-7.
I Trust 89.
P. Construction 99 99-8 97 100 98-8 99-8.
Shivrajpur 35-8 35.
Tata Chemical 13-10 13-8 13-9 13-7.
Tata Oil 52 54 53-4 53-8.
Tata Chemical Pref. 125-8.
Walchandnagar 148-8.
Wimco 220.

NEW YORK COTTON

Short Covering In New Crop Months

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.

The market opened irregular, then steadied under the leadership of new crops attributed to covering possibly on technical considerations and the expected farmer approval of acreage cuts On the other hand the trade absorbed hedges in old crops with the evening up of spot December a trading feature.

New crops sagged early in the afternoon owing to nervous selling which was undoubtedly due to the uncertainty about the veto on the marketing control programme but eventually met renewed support on the belief that acreage cuts will be supported persistent dribbles of price fixing in nearbys and some further buying of new crops on the expected farmer approval of acreage cuts prevailed latterly. The session closed steady with sales estimated at 130,000 bales.

NEW YORK COTTON

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.

Dceember	30.23+02
March	30.16—
May	29.97—03
July	29.49—02
Oct.	27.96+02
Middling Spot	30.85+02

New Cotton March Highest 30.23 at 11-50 a.m. Lowest 30.15 at 10-00 a. m.

NEW ORLEANS COTTON

December	30.13—
March	30.11—01
May	29.93—04
July	29.42—01
Middling Spot	20.70—

DROP IN FREE GOLD PRICE

China Selling In London Market

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.

Silver continued quiet with routine 50,000 ounces moving at unchanged level. A leading buyer intimated that he would probably be out of the market for the remainder of the year. Consumer demand for silver is expected to be good after the turn of the year, partially reflecting the prospects that the United States will remove or drastically cut its excise taxes.

The free international gold market price has dropped steadily and offerings delivered nearest are now available at 40 dollars per fine ounce according to information reaching here. China remains a seller and recently sole some gold into the London market at 37 dollars an ounce the reports added.

LONDON PEPPER INACTIVE

LONDON, Dec. 14.

The London pepper market was inactive in the absence of buying interest. Malabar was cheaper with December shipment offered at 975 shillings, January at 960 and January/March at 950 per poundweight c.i.f. Unikingdom. Black lampong, December, is stilll obtainable at 9sh 5d., and white muntok and sarawak at 16sh. shipping weight c.i.f. basis ports.

NEW YORK PEPPER EASIER

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.

The black pepper market was easier with spots offered at 1.29 dollars per poundweight. Following are today's closing quotations:—Black pepper spot 1.29 asked, December 1.30 nominal July 1.16 nominal, September 1.12 Jan. 1.26 nom. Mar. 1.19 nom. May 1.16 nominal, October 1.10 nominal. White pepper spot 2.55 asked

SINGAPORE PEPPER PRICES

SINGAPORE, Dec. 14.

About three tons of white loose pepper changed hands locally at 868 dollars per picul on the Singapore pepper market today but generally the recent stagnant conditions still prevailed. Sellers exgodown prices were again lowered with black lampong quoted at 505 dollars per picul against 515 and white muntock 875 against 880.

CONTINENTAL STOCK EXCHANGE

PARIS, Dec. 14.

Prices generally finished around previous levels in a narrow market. Public interest was restricted but bank of Indo-China lost ground in considerable selling owing to economic uncertainties in Indo-China. Among internationals, Dutch shares were offered following yesterday's advance.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 14.

The stock exchange was again very quiet including plantations despite favourable developments such as the appointment of Dr. H.M. Hirschefeld as the Netherlands High Commissioner in Indo-China. The news was welcomed by owners of Indonesian estates as it was believed that Dr. Hirschefeld would fully understand the planters needs. Most other sections of the bourse held steady. The market closed inactive.

BRUSSELS, Dec. 14.

There was a firm undertone but business remained quiet. Metallurgicals, coals and electricities made a partial recovery and relative steadiness prevailed in banks and colonials but extiles were inclined to be heavy Other sections experienced fractional changes eitherway.

ECONOMIC ADVISER'S INDEX NUMBERS OF SECURITIES

Discontinuation From January

NEW DELHI, Dec. 15 (PTI).

THE present series of index numbers of securities prices based on 1927-28 prepared in the office of the Economic Adviser to the Government of India will be discontinued from January, 1950, it was officially stated today.

This follows beginning of publication of a comprehensive series of index numbers with 1938 as base, by the Director of Statistics of the Reserve Bank of India.

Earlier figures for the new series, from January, 1946 appear in the Reserve Bank of India bulletin for October, 1949. Current data will be quoted regularly in the weekly bulletin of statistics issued by the Economic Adviser from January, 1950.

FIXED YIELD

According to figures released by the Economic Adviser today, Government Securities (base 1927-28—100) for November, 1949 showed only a rise of 0.2 to 115.4 as compared with the previous month and 0.6 as compared with November 1948.

The index of fixed-yield Industrial Securities (base 1927-28—100) declined by one point and 24 points respectively as compared with the preceding month and the corresponding month of last year.

During the month under review, the 'Miscellaneous' group rose slightly while all other shares with the exception of paper (which remained stationary) showed declines up to two points. Compared with November, 1948 all the scrips registered falls ranging from 14 points in the case of 'Miscellaneous' to 69 points in the case of paper.

VARIABLE YIELD

The index of variable-yield securities (base 1927-28—100) came down by three points in November, 1949 to 137 as compared with the previous month and by 21 points as compared with November, 1948. Sugar and Cement rose by 2 and 4 points respectively and the rest registered declines ranging from one point each in Cotton, Banking, Breweries and Tea to 15 points in the case of Peper relative to th previous month.

Compared with the corresponding month of last year, all scrips, except Railways which moved up by 11 points, recorded decreases ranging from one point in the case of Coal to 43 points in the case of Insurance Other items which witnessed a steep decline were Paper (17), Banking (19), Iron and Steel (22), Tea (29) Cotton (33), Breweries (35), Sugar and Transit (36 each) and Engineering (40)

INDIA'S TRADE WITH U. K.

Exports And Imports

The following are the principal exports and imports for 1948 and 10 months of 1949 between U.K. and India published by the Trade and Navigation Accounts of the U.K.:

	Full Year 1948	10 Months Jan.-Oct. 1948	1949
	Figures in £100		
Total All Exports	96,621	75,363	105,358
Of which:—			
Machinery	34,079	27,626	33,251
Vehicles (including ships and locomotives)	12,827	10,083	14,344
Electrical goods & apparatus	6,572	5,009	8,180
Chemicals, drugs, dyes and colours	9,057	7,059	9,696
Total All Imports	96,266	77,683	79,497
Of which:—			
Tea	35,148	24,923	30,504
Jute manufactures	15,846	13,370	10,032
Raw jute	5,955	5,394	4,831
Leather and manufactures	7,228	5,656	8,464

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

LONDON, Dec. 15, (PTI-Reuter):—There was more noise than business in the London Stock Exchange today. Nevertheless prices generally were firm and occasionally some useful gains were recorded. Investment interest was small but there was a certain amount of speculative activity.

Movements in foreign bonds were mixed. Greeks and Chinese moved higher, but Germans and Japanese declined fractionally with some profit-taking on the recent rises.

Once again there were widespread small gains in rubber shares reflecting firmness in the price of the commodity. Oils were harder, where changed, coppers and tins were held.

British Government stocks were hesitant but managed to record a few small advance.

Leading industrials sagged in initial trading, but soon recovered to close firm.

South African minings were aided by latest patch dividend announcements and were selectively firm and with strong undertone. (PTI-Reuter).

WALL STREET MARKET

Volatile Issues Show Wider Gains

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.

Although managing to extend this week's gains — which some quarters believe marked the start of a traditional year end rally — the stocks market this morning was called upon to absorb increasing corrective profit-taking and modest tax selling. A predominance of mostly fractional gains were recorded by noon led by assorted rails, rubbers, chemicals, oils, minings, radio televisions and aircrafts. The averages were industrials 196.96 and rails 51.78.

A fair amount of new buying appeared during the afternoon aided by the growing list of optimistic forecasts for first-half of 1959 business. Prices went to fairly widespread gains mostly ranging to one dollar with both the industrial and utility averages making new highs for 1949. The session closed firm with gains ranging to one dollar or so and, with a few volatile issues showing wider advances— notably rallied chemicals, up nearly three points.

American Telephone and Telegraph 146-3/4.
Amerex Holding Co. 32.
Anaconda Copper Mining 28-3/8.
Chase National Bank 34-3/4.
Firestone Tyre 53-1/2.
General Electric 41-1/8 (ex. div.).
General Motors 70-1/8.
Ingersoll Rand 68-1/4.
International Nickel of Canada 'A' 28-1/4.
National City Bank of New York 42-3/4.
New York Central Railroad 10-3/4.
Sinclair Corporation 23-1/4.
Socony Vacuum Corporation 16-5/8.
Texas Corporation 61-5/8.
Union Carbide 43-1/4.
U. S. Smelting and Refining 40.
U S Steel Common. 26-3/8.
Western Union A 18-1/2.

The volume of business on the New York Stock Exchange was 2,210,000 shares Highest and Lowest U. S Steel trading prices were 26-3/8 and 26-1/8 respectively.

PROFIT TAKING IN CHICAGO GRAINS

CHICAGO, Dec. 14

Chicago Grains declined under profit-taking and scattered hedge pressure attracted by Tuesday's sharp advance together with increased liquidation of December contracts prior to their expiry on December 20th Failure of follow through buying to develop on the part of commercial dealers reflected the fact these interests had been active buyers in anticipation of export sales.

CHICAGO WHEAT

CHICAGO Dec. 14

December	2.20 1/2
March	2.20 3/4
May	2.14 3/8
July	1.97

CALCUTTA STOCK EXCHANGE

Better Trend

CALCUTTA, Dec. 15. (PTI): The speculative counters moved up further on good buying support and a fair turnover took place while jute shares were slightly eased off and other shares remained more or less unchanged.

The following are today's transactions upto 3-00 p.m.—

GOVT. SECURITIES: Three per cent Govt. Paper 98; three per cent Loan 1986 98/2 S. L. three per cent Loan 1953/55 101/14 S. L. three per cent Loan 1970/75 100/4 S L.

COTTONS: Cawnpore Textiles 10/1, Elgin Mills 16/8; Kesoram 15/4, Muir Mills 227; New Victoria Ordy 2/7, Ditto Pref 4/6.

COALS: Bokaro and Ramghur 17/9, Bengal 512; Burrakur 12/11; Central India 5/3; Simla Colliery 8/3; Satpukuria and Asansol 1.

JUTES: Anglo India 187; Barnagore 211; Chitavalsah 22; Fort Gloster 336; Howrah 26/2; Kinnison 160; Orient 197; Presidency 5/10.

ENGINEERINGS: Indian Iron and Steel 29/9; Jessop and Co. 15; Kumardhubi Eng. 8/2; Marshalls 6/9; Steel Corp. 23.

MISCELLANEOUS: Burma Corp. 2/15; Consolidated Tin annas fifteen Indian Copper 2/7; Karanpura Dev 21/10; Tavoy Tin annas eleven; Sone Valley Cement 5/5; Alkali and Chemical 11/2; Calcutta Electric 16, BIC 9/3; F and C Osler 5/12; Martin Burn 16/2; National Insulated Cale 8; Robtas Industry 5/5; British Burma Petrol 1/7; Shree Gopal Paper 11; Star Paper 5/1; Titaghur Paper 34/9; Assam Saws 8/4; India Steamship 8.

SUGARS: New Savan 6/7; Raza Sugar 15/12.

TEAS: Bhatkowa 22/2; Ct Borpuhuri 15; Hattikhira 12; Huldibari 22/12; Tezpore 22.

Imperial Bank Of India

The following is the Statement of the Affairs of the Imperial Bank of India on the 9th December.

LIABILITIES

CAPITAL:—	
Reserve Fund	6,30,00,000
Fixed Deposit, Savings Bank, Current and other Accounts	260,40,65,000
Loans against securities per contra.	
Acceptances for Constituents	42,000
Sundries	2,35,46,000
Rupees	274,69,03,000

ASSETS

INVESTMENTS:—	
Government Securities	107,79,49,000
Other Authorised Investments	11,49,28,000
ADVANCES:—	
Loans	20,51,95,000
Cash Credits and Overdrafts	58,47,95,000
Bills Discounted and Purchased	5,49,32,000
Liability of Constituents for Acceptances per contra	42,000
Dead Stock	1,57,61,000
Sundries	2,48,89,000
CASH:—	
In hand and with the Reserve Bank of India	50,06,99,000
Balances with other Banks	16,77,13,000
Rupees	274,69,03,000

In the absence of fixed exchange rates between India and Pakistan for Pakistan rupees figures in respect of Bank's Pakistan Branches have been entered at par in the above statement.

India To Carry On With The Good Work

RECOVERY OF ABDUCTED MUSLIM WOMEN

Pakistan's Lack Of Response Not To Come In The Way

NEW DELHI, Dec. 15 (P.T.I.):

PARLIAMENT today had an inconclusive debate on the Abducted Persons (Recovery and Restoration) Bill, which seeks to replace the ordinance already in force.

Mr. N. Gopalaswami Ayyangar, who usually leads the Indian Delegation at Inter-Dominion Conferences, said that "most of us will have to hang our heads down in shame" over things which happened some months before and after partition. Among the many brutalities and outrages, none struck so low a depth of moral depravity than the mass abductions of women on both sides.

So far India had recovered over 12,000 abducted Muslim women and Pakistan had recovered about 6,000 non-Muslim women. "It is rather disappointing that the co-operation that this work has received from the general public in the other Dominion has not been as hearty or as helpful as we have received in this Dominion from all classes of people.

That perhaps is the reason why the number of recoveries in the other Dominion is not as good as it is in ours. But latterly, even public opinion is changing, particularly in West Punjab, and political and other social organisations in Pakistan, led by fairly important persons, are pledging themselves to this cause and I do hope that the recoveries in future will be even better than they have been in the past".

Mr. Ayyangar said that whatever might happen in Pakistan, the Government of India would continue their work of recovery.

He received strong support from Smt. Durgabai.

Pandit Thakur Das Bhargava (East Punjab) agreed with Mr. Ayyangar that this country should return every abducted Muslim woman whatever happened in Pakistan. He, however, felt that if Pakistan understood only the language of retaliation the Government of India should hold the recovered Muslim women as hostages in order to expedite the work of recovery in Pakistan.

Sardar Hukam Singh (East Punjab) supported the principles underlying the bill, but expressed his view that the Government of India had been "weak and halting" in their attitude to Pakistan in the matter of recovery.

Hr. Jaspat Roy Kappoor (United Provinces) said that if any of the recovered women desired to stay back, they should have the freedom to do so.

GENUINE ATTACHMENT

Smt. Purnima Banerjee agreed that regardless of the rate of recovery in Pakistan, every abducted woman in India should be restored to her original home. However, there might be cases of genuine attachment between a rescued girl and an Indian. These should be looked into by a tribunal which should have on it an elderly matron of "human understanding".

Smt. Durgabai refused to contemplate the possibility of an attachment between an abductor and his victim.

Mr. Brajeshwar Prasad (Bihar) demanded that not only the abducted Muslim women but also their abductors should be sent to Pakistan, as they had no place in the Hindu society.

Earlier, the House passed Law Minister Dr. B. R. Ambedkar's bill to extend certain laws to areas administered as parts of Governors' Provinces or as Chief Commissioners' Provinces.

Proceedings In Detail

NEW DELHI, Dec. 15 (PTI): Parliament today enacted with minor amendments a bill moved by Dr. B. R Ambedkar to extend certain laws to areas administered as parts of Governor's Provinces or as Chief Commissioner's Provinces.

Dr. Ambedkar explained that till now these States had their own separate laws, but now that they were either merged in the Provinces or were being administered as Chief Commissioner's Provinces, the Central laws should also be made applicable to them.

Mr. Sarangdhar Das (Orissa States) supporting the Bill wanted to know whether it would result in the abolition of the monopoly system in trade still prevalent in some of the merged States. People in the States thought that when they were merged in neighbouring Provinces the system would disappear.

But though they had been merged in January 1948 the monopoly system still continued to prevail and caused great hardship to the primary producers.

Mr. Raj Bahadur (Matsya) desired that soon after the inauguration of the new Constitution, the present provisions should be made applicable to the States Unions also.

Replying to the debate, Dr. Ambedkar said that so far as the Central laws were concerned there was no provision for the continuance of the monopoly system in the merged States. It was hoped that each Province would similarly extended the Provincial laws which would end the monopoly.

LOW DEPTHS OF DEPRAVITY

Mass Abductions

Mr. N. Gopalaswami Ayyangar on behalf of Dr. B. V. Keskar, Deputy Minister for External Affairs, moved that the Abducted Persons (Recovery and Restoration) Bill be taken into consideration.

Describing the bill as a "simple, straightforward and innocent" measure, Mr. Ayyangar said that some months before and after partion, things happened in the subcontinent of India, on both sides of the border over which "most of us will have to hang our heads down in shame".

Amongst the many brutalities and outrages which vitiated the atmosphere round about this period, none struck so low a depth of moral depravity than the mass abductions of women on both sides. "I say deliberately", said Mr. Ayyangar, that that is a thing on which those of us who think of civilised Government and want to conduct Government on civilised lines should feel ashamed.

FORCED MARRIAGES

Less than three weeks after August 15, 1947, Mr. Ayyangar went on, things became so bad that the representatives of the Governments of the two new Dominions met and resolved that steps should be taken to recover and restore abducted persons. They also pronounced themselves against the recognition of forced marriages.

In December, 1947, there was an Inter-Dominion Conference, at which the two Dominions agreed as to the steps to be taken for the implementation of the declaration that had already been made. As a result of this implementation, between December 1947 and July 1948 the number of women recovered totalled 9,362 in India and 5,510 in Pakistan. During the period December 6, 1947 to January 31, 1948, the recoveries in Pakistan were larger than the recoveries in India.

Recoveries during this period were 1,744 in India and 2,000 in Pakistan. In February 1948 also recoveries in Pakistan exceeded those in the Indian Union. The figures were 1,297 in India and 1,406 in Pakistan.

In subsequent months, the number of recoveries in India was larger than the recoveries in Pakistan. During the latter part of this period, the recoveries in Pakistan dwindled down to very small figures. After July 1948, recoveries in both Dominions dwindled down and it was found necessary that some active steps should be taken for the purpose of speeding up recoveries in both Dominions.

NOVEMBER AGREEMENT

As a result of negotiations between representatives of the two Dominions, an agreement was reached on November 11, 1948, the principal feature of which were that each Dominion undertook to be responsible for the recoveries to be made within its own territory and the recovered persons were to be taken first to a transit camp, then moved on to a base camp and finally restored to their relatives in the other Dominion after enquiry.

It was also realised that it was necessary to have some legal authority for making these recoveries. That legal authority had not been in existence prior to the November, 1948 Inter-Dominion Agreement.

As a result of this agreement, India issued an ordinance on January 31, 1949. It was thought at the time that Pakistan should issue almost simultaneously an ordinance in identical terms but there was some delay on the part of Pakistan and the ordinance in Pakistan was issued only in May, 1949.

That ordinance was still in force in Pakistan and it would continue in force until it was abrogated. The Indian Ordinance expired on July 31, 1949 and was renewed by another ordinance in identical terms on July 30, 1949. The second ordinance would expire at the end of January 1950. The bill sought to replace the ordinance so that this legal authority would continue even after January 1950.

PROVISIONS OF BILL

The provisions of the bill itself were fairly simple. "We find the abducted persons. We provide for the manner in which they should be recovered. We provide also for camps in which they could be detained until their cases are disposed of.

"We provide for the authorities who are to determine who are abducted persons and who are not, and where there is a dispute we provide for a tribunal to decide the dispute; there is a high power authority over this tribunal which can review the decisions and in addition Government have the power to revise or review any such decisions. There is also a clause which grants indemnity to the officers who have taken or will take part in these operations".

The total number of persons who since December 1947 had been recovered in the two Dominions, said Mr. Ayyangar, exceeded 12,000 in India and approximately about 6,000 in Pakistan. Since January 1949, about 3,000 were recovered in India and about 700 in Pakistan.

In August 1949, 145 women were recovered in India, in September 214 and in October 355. In Pakistan, 32 were recovered in August, 20 in September and 261 in October 1949. A considerable proportion of this was due to the Kashmiri women who were recovered and restored.

AGE GROUPS

There had been some criticism that while in India women of all ages had been recovered, in Pakistan they had recovered only old women and little children and not women of the intervening ages. The figures, however, showed that really there was no justification for any kind of impression that Pakistan had deliberately withheld from India women in the intervening age groups. They had recovered whom ever they were able to recover.

Below 12 years, Pakistan had recovered 45 per cent and India 35 per cent. From 12 to 35 years, Pakistan had recovered 44 per cent and India 59 per cent. Thirty-five to 50 years, Pakistan had recovered six per cent and India four per cent. Fifty years and above, Pakistan had recovered 5 per cent and India 2 per cent.

With regard to the work itself, one of the most pleasant and welcome feature had been that it had almost entirely been done by social workers. Mr. Ayyangar mentioned by name social workers in both Dominions who had distinguished themselves.

Sardar Hukam Singh: Will we be allowed to criticise the social workers if they are applauded.

Mr. Ayyangar: That is a matter for the House. I cannot be prevented from paying tribute to workers who have done good work.

LITTLE CO-OPERATION

In this connection, Mr. Ayyangar said that there had been a certain amount of dispute and dissatisfaction felt at the fact that the number of recoveries in Pakistan had not been as adequate as it might have been.

There were various reasons for that "but I can tell you that both at the top of the governmental machinery in the other Dominion and amongst Heads of Departments who are connected with this work in the other Dominion there has been the fullest co-operation. If they have not produced better results, they are due to factors about which I would rather not speak at length to this House".

A voice: Why not?

Mr. Ayyangar replied: "After all, a good deal of the success of these efforts should be due to the amount of co-operation that the officers and social workers engaged in this work get from the population amongst whom they have to work.

"It is rather disappointing for me to state that the co-operation that this work has received from the general public in the other Dominion has not been as hearty or as helpful as we have received in this Dominion from all classes of people.

LATEST LIST

At one time, said Mr. Ayyangar, the Government of India thought that they could estimate the number of non-Muslim women abducted in Pakistan at 33,000. Pakistan estimated the number of Muslim women abducted in India at about 50,000. But these were rather wild figures.

However, at the rate of recovery in India during the last two months, there could be absolutely no doubt that there were considerable numbers of Muslim abducted women still to be recovered in India and in spite of the fact that the recoveries in Pakistan had been as low as they had been, there were large numbers of non-Muslim women still to be recovered in Pakistan.

The latest list sent to Pakistan contained the details of seven to eight thousand abducted non-Muslim women but that was no indication of the actual number.

Sardar Hukam Singh: According to a Government of India publication the estimated number of non-Muslim abducted women is 33,000 and Muslim abducted women 21,000.

Mr. Ayyangar: I do not know what publication the honourable member is referring to but if anybody gives a firm figure of 21,000 I am afraid that he was rather daring in making an estimate of that kind. It may be 21,000 or it may be even be 15,000 for that matter.

SOLD IN MARKET

Replying to Pandit Thakur Das Bhargava, Mr. Ayyangar said: "An estimate of the Kashmiri women taken away is even more difficult than the estimate we have made of other women in West Pakistan. Very large numbers of Kashmiri women were involved and some of the most atrocious things were done with regard to those women.

"They were exhibited in batches and raiders were asked to choose whom they would take. They were privately sold. They were even sold in the market place in tribal areas" (cries of 'Disgraceful' and 'Shame').

It was in India's interest to keep this agreement with Pakistan in force as there were still a large number of non-Muslim women still to be recovered from Pakistan. It was matter of conscience and a duty which they owed to the fathers, mothers, brothers and husbands of these non-Muslim women.

"I wish it to go on record that this is a thing which as a civilised Government we ought to continue to do. Our own policy is that whatever may happen in the other Dominion, whether recoveries there of non-Muslim women are adequate or not, we owe a duty to the large number of Muslim women who were abducted within our own territory. They have got to be recovered and if they wish to go back to their own original relatives, it is our obvious duty to see that the fullest facilities are made available to them to do so".

TRIBUTE TO MRIDULA SARABHAI

MRIDULA SARABHAI TRIBUTED

Courageous Work

The House cheered as Mr. Ayyangar paid a special tribute to Smt. Mridula Sarabhai, "to whose initiative, energy and, above all, courage in doing this I cannot pay a sufficient tribute".

Mr. Ayyangar also paid a tribute to the officers of both Dominions who had helped in the recovery of abducted women, both Muslim and non-Muslim.

MORE ATROCITIES IN KASHMIR

Before Ink Was Dry

Supporting the Bill, Pandit Thakurdas Bhargava (East Punjab) said he could not agree with all that had been said by Mr. Ayyangar. While every Indian would respond to the appeal that every Muslim woman should be restored, they had to consider what was happening in Pakistan.

Though they had entered into a bilateral agreement with Pakistan, the latter had not obeyed it. On September 3, 1947 even before the ink was dry on the agreement, Pakistan troops and raiders had abducted Hindu women from Kashmir and had committed atrocities on them.

He wanted to know why a cease-fire agreement was entered into with Pakistan in Kashmir without providing for the restoration of all the abducted Hindu women in Kashmir. In its relations with Pakistan, the Government of India had behaved 'with forebearance and even weakness'.

LANGUAGE OF POWER

If there was any case for a war between two governments, the atrocities perpetrated on Hindu women in Kashmir by Pakistan and Azad Kashmir Forces was one. "If moral considerations did not prevail with the Pakistan Government, at least mundane considerations should have been made to prevail". He did not suggest that the Muslim abducted girls should not have been recovered. But they should have been kept as "hostages" in camps in India and exchanged with non-Muslim women from Pakistan.

"The Pakistan Government does not understand the language of morality but only the language of power". If Pakistan could only understand retaliation, why was not this method exployed?

Pandit Bhargava said that the definition of abducted women was very vague. It would include the case of a Muslim girl of above 18 years who after August, 1947 had married a Hindu boy without the consent of her parents. He also objected to the provision for restoring the children born to the abducted women. After all a father could not be deprived of his right of guardianship, and the child belonged to both of them.

The Deputy Speaker: Is he a father, if he abducts the woman?

CUSTODY OF CHILD

Pandit Bhargava said that he did not want to lay any definite rule but there were cases when even if the woman was allowed to be sent away, the custody of the child should be given to the father if he so desired. He also did not want any woman who desired to stay back voluntarily.

The power given to the police officials was "too sweeping". The tribunal envisaged in the bill should consist of judicial officials, he said.

The attempt to take away the right of the courts to hear "habeas corpus" applications in the bill would become void after the inauguration of the new Constitution. The right should not be taken away as there had been some cases in which Hindu women had been taken to camps by the officials on suspicion that they were abducted women, and there would be no remedy in such cases.

Sardar Hukam Singh (East Punjab) supporting the bill on principle said that the policy of the Government of India had been "weak and halting in compelling the Pakistan Government" to do more than it have till now done in the recovery and restoration of non-Muslim abducted women.

His one objection to the bill related to the clause which empowered a tribunal composed of police officers of two Dominions to decide cases whether a person was abducted or not. The police had been given too wide powers. Courts should not have been debarred from sitting on judgment on decisions of the tribunal, he said

NOT STOLEN GOODS

Mr. Jaspat Roy Kapoor (United Provinces) welcomed the bill, but said that no provision had been made in it to enable the recovered women to decide whether to stay in India or go to Pakistan. Many such women who might have married and have settled down here might not like to go to Pakistan.

They should not be compelled to go against their will as was sought to be done in the bill. In other cases, many, recovered women might have no relatives in Pakistan to take them back. If they desired to stay in India they should have the freedom to do so.

The bill sought to reduce such recovered women to mere chattel or "stolen goods" Mr. Kapoor said, who had without their consent been "forcibly and bodily thrown out of India."

ABOVE DOMAIN OF POWER POLITICS

Retaliation Not Good

Smt. Durgabai (Madras) said that the problem of recovering abducted women should be approached purely on humanitarian grounds and should be placed above the domain of power politics and inter-Dominion bickerings. She hoped that the House would support the bill unanimously.

A policy of "Tit for tat" or retaliation in this matter would not enhance the prestige of this country.

"We have reason to believe," she said, "that the recovery in Dominion is very satisfactory. It is natural that when the results are not quite commentary on the other side, doubts should arise why we should continue our efforts. But whatever the results on the other side, so far as we are concerned, our Government should continue its recovery work so long as there is even a single abducted woman in this country."

She praised the efforts of social workers and on behalf of the women's movement in India expressed her gratitude to the Government of India for having taken up this humanitarian work.

Real Attachment

Mrs. Purnima Banerji said that the abduction of women after partition was one of the most "heinous crimes" committed and was the "darkest chapter" in the history.

There was no question of retaliation. Whatever the rate of recovery from Pakistan, every abducted women in India had the right to be restored to her home. At the same time the Government of India should see that every non-Muslim woman in Pakistan was recovered.

While she agreed with Mrs. Durgabai that the abducted woman could have no attachment for the abductor as the abduction had taken place after the murder of her family, it was not true in all cases There were some cases in which the girl of tender age had been rescued and had lived with an young man and with a genuine attachment had taken place between them. Such cases should be looked into by the tribunal which should also have an elderly matron with human understanding.

SEND ABDUCTOR ALSO

Mr. Brajeshwar Prasad (Bihar) said that the argument of Mrs. Purnima Banerji and others that in cases where there was a genuine attachment, the woman should not be sent back was not correct. In the eyes of law, the marriage was not a marriage. If the woman continued to live with the abductor it would only be as "a concubine or a prostitute".

Referring to the suggestion of some that the children born of such wedlock should be allowed to remain with their father, Mr. Prasad said the children could not be considered as legitimate ones. Knowing as they did the place accorded to illegitimate children in Hindu society, did the members seriously suggest this and want the children to remain frustrated throughout their life, he asked. The children should be allowed to go back to Pakistan.

"If these children were to remain in India, they would remain as dogs and beasts", he said. He felt that even he abductors should be sent to Pakistan. They had no place in Hindu society. They were a potential danger to civilization. They might even abduct Hindu women if an opportunity came.

The House was adjourned till tomorrow.

QUESTION HOUR

RADIO STATIONS IN STATES

Centre To Take Over

TWO MORE TO BE OPENED AT DHARWAR AND CALICUT

Decrease In Infant Mortality—Cut In Education Budget—Economy Without Mass Retrenchment—Secondary Education

NEW DELHI, Dec. 15. (PTI).

MR. R. R. DIWAKAR, Minister of State, Information and Broadcasting, told Parliament today that all the broadcasting stations in the Indian States would be taken over by the Central Government.

Mr. Diwakar who was replying to Seth Govind Das said that the Government proposed to start two new broadcasting stations during the current year, in Dharwar and Calicut.

Answering supplementaries, he said that all economy cuts were being observed fully in the Department but no broadcasting station would be closed down.

EDUCATION SCHEMES

Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, Education Minister, in a written reply in Parliament today to Seth Damodar Swarup revealed that as a result of the recent cut, the education budget of the Central Government had been reduced from Rs. six crores to about Rs. 4.51 crores which was .89 per cent of the total budget of the Central Government.

In another written reply, he stated that according to Government estimate, a ten-year scheme for education of illiterates within the age group 12-40 would cost Rs. 206 crores. During the past year, 0.33 per cent of rural adult population were receiving adult education.

STAFF-CUT

The Finance Minister, Dr. John Matthai, told Parliament today in reply to Mr. R. K. Sidhwa that the policy of Government with regard to effecting of economy was that they should try to do it as far as possible without large-scale retrenchment. In reply to a question whether any compensation was proposed to be made to the personnel likely to be retrenched, Dr. Matthai said that if retrenchment on a large-scale unexpectedly and unfortunately became necessary, the Government would consider the proposal.

Government had practically superseded the Economy Committee's proposals and had gone far ahead of their recommendations.

MR. KHULDHAR CHALIHA: "Will the economy drive lead to inefficiency?

DR. MATTHAI: "It is raising the standard of efficiency."

MR. HARIHARNATH SASTRI: "Will the retrenchment of personnel be made at the sweet will of the secretaries or heads of departments?"

DR. MATTHAI: "Not on the sweet will but of hard necessity."

DARJEELING AREA

The Government of India consider the move for the Constitution of the Darjeeling area of the West Bengal into a separate hill province as "unreal, misconceived and harmful to national interests," observed Sardar Patel, Deputy Prime Minister in a written reply to Pandit Thakurdas Bhargava in Parliament today.

Pandit Bhargava asked whether a representation had been received and if so what was the policy of the Government in regard to this question.

Sardar Patel: "No, but I have seen press reports of some such activities. The Government of India consider this move as unreal, misconceived and harmful to national interests. The Government of India are determined not to give any quarter to any agitation for the formation of any such province and will not allow the solidarity of the country to be disturbed by such mischievous moves."

FINANCIAL AID FROM U. S.

Dr. Matthai's Clarification

The Finance Minister Dr. John Matthai replied in the negative to a question by Mr. Lakshminarayan Sahu whether India had been hoping to get financial help from the U.S., for the construction of her river valley projects.

Dr. Matthai said that India had applied for loans from the International Bank for reconstruction and development.

Mr. Sahu: Will Mr. Dean Acheson's statement that U.S. said to Asia was to be through technical assistance and not dollar relief mean that such help will not be available for India?

Dr. Matthai: No. As far as I can see, Mr. Dean Acheson's statement referred to direct financial assistance by the U.S.A. like the Marshall Aid, and had no connection with financial assistance from private enterprise or from international institutions in the U.S.A.

The programme of technical assistance to which Mr. Dean Acheson refers is a programme for making it possible for private enterprise to take capital abroad."

HINDI TEXT BOOKS

Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, Education Minister, replying to Seth Govind Das in Parliament today said that the Government had under active consideration a scheme to prepare a dictionary of scientific terminology for Hindi and other modern languages.

There was another scheme to prepare text books in the Federal language (Hindi).

There was an uproar in the House when Seth Govind Das rose to ask a supplementary question after Sardar Bhupender Singh Mann had asked the Education Minister whether any steps would be taken to develop the "style of Hindi known as Hindustani." Seth Govind Das's main question was lost in cries of "order," "order" but he was heard to refer to the contrgversy over Hindi and Hindustani

The Deputy speaker intervening amdist the general uproar when Seth Govind Das persisted in asking the question ruled that if members did not observe order he would have to adjourn the House. He told members that he did not want their assistance in conducting the proceedings of the House Seth Govind Das was a very old member of the House and should know that a member had to resume his seat when the chair called members to order.

INFANT MORTALITY

Health Minister Rajkumari Amrit Kaur said during question hour in Parliament today that the rate of infant mortality in the country was now on the decrease. It was mainly due to the activities of the Maternity and Child Welfare Centres and the increasing awareness of the public of the need for proper care of children.

Sardar Baldev Singh replying to Dr. Basanta Kumar Das stated that the total expenditure incurred in 1948-49 on raising the National Cadet Corps was Rs. 1,12,00,000. The expenditure in 1949-50 had been estimated at Rs. 1,45,00,000

Mr. Satyanarain Sinha, answering on behalf of Sardar Patel, a question by Sardar Hukam Singh said that non-Muslim prisoners exchanged with Pakistan had not been released. The number at present was 668.

SECONDARY EDUCATION

Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, Education Minister, told Parliament today that Government would appoint a Secondary Education Commission to enquire into all matters connected with secondary education and make a report to the Government.

Maulana Azad who was replying to a question from Seth Govind Das, said that the system of higher secondary education in Delhi where a student left school after an eleven-year course had been in operation for the last five years. He also told Mr. Das that according to the report of the Local Government and the Vice-Chancellor of the Delhi University, the new secondary scheme had proved a success.

UNFAVOURABLE BALANCE

India's unfavourable dollar trade balance in the first six months of the current year amounted to Rs. 37,74,00,000. The total receipt was Rs. 39,80,00,000 and payment Rs. 77,54,00,000.

Dr. John Matthai giving the figures in Parliament today said that all imports from U.S.A. were now subject to licensing and were limited to capital goods, raw materials, semi-manufactured and other essential goods not ordinarily available from other sources of supply.

QUININE PRODUCTION

Rajkumari Amrit Kaur, health minister told Mr. R. K. Sidhwa that the total consumption of quinine in India during 1948-49 was estimated to be about 3,00,000 pounds. Of this quantity, about 1,00,000 pounds was manufactured in India every year while the rest was imported.

The average cost of manufacture of quinine in India was nearly Rs. 29 per pound whereas the price of imported quinine ranged between Rs. 41 and Rs. 62 per pound. The Government of India had no plans for expanding the cultivation of Cinchona but the Madras Government had sanctioned a scheme for the expansion of quinine production.

SECRETARIAT STAFF

Dr. John Matthai, Finance Minister told Mr. Sidhwa that the total number of clerks in the Central Secretariat on September 1, 1949 was 6,718 and the salary paid to them till then amounted to Rs. 80,51,399. There were 24 Secretaries, 41 Joint Secretaries, 179 Under-Secretaries, and 74 Assistant Secretaries in the Central Secretariat on September 1, 1949 and their salaries respectively were up that date Rs. 11,86,000 Rs. 7,44,2[illegible] Rs. 13,18,533 and Rs. 3,03,876.

Rail Staff Grievances

BOMBAY, Thursday

The General Secretary of the B. & C. I. Railway Employees' Association, in a telegram to the Ministry of Railways, points out that the recently announced relief to the Pre-1931 staff leaves the worst sufferers dry and cold and urges genuine weightage to the staff recruited between 1922 and 1931, who have been the hardest hit in the implementation of the recommendations of the Central Pay Commission

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INCREASE IN RENT FOR REPAIRS DONE

Municipality's Proposal To Government

BOMBAY, Thursday.

SHOULD the city landlords be given any relief by way of an increase in rent? The Municipal Congress Party says "yes", but the Socialist corporators say "no". The question gave rise to a lively debate in the Bombay Municipal Corporation today.

In the teeth of the Socialist opposition, the House adopted a Congress-sponsored resolution urging the Government of Bombay to amend the Rent Control Act in such a way as to provide for an increase of rent on account of heavy and substantial repairs executed by landlords in the city, on a certificate obtained from the Special Engineer of the Bombay Municipality.

In a letter to the Corporation the Municipal Commissioner Mr. B. K. Patel revealed that the landlords in the city had represented to the Special Engineer that due to abnormally high prices of building materials and equally high labour charges they had to incur a heavy expenditure for carrying out repairs to their buildings.

Besides, they were further debarred by the Rent Control Act, 1947, from realising any return on the amount spent. They therefore either deferred repairs or pulled down ruinous portions to evade any action on the part of the Municipality.

INDUCEMENT

The Commissioner further pointed out in the letter that there were many buildings in the city which required substantial repairs, but which, on account of the above reasons were neglected by the landlords.

Such neglect on their part would result in a rapid deterioration of the buildings, which might ultimately become unfit for human habitation. He felt that such a state of affairs, if allowed to continue, might aggravate the prevailing housing shortage in the city.

The Commissioner felt that if some sort of inducement by way of some realisation on the cost of the repairs carried out by them, were to be offered to the landlords, they would be encouraged to effect such repairs, thereby adding to the life of the building. This would prevent further deterioration of the housing situation.

A MYTH

Mr. Dinker Desai moved an amendment that the resolution should be recorded. He said that the proposal was reactionary and went against the spirit of the Rent Control Act, Section 23 of which required the landlord to carry out the repairs. Mr. Desai feared that the resolution if passed would give a fillip to the landlords who were agitating to increase the rent under various pretexts.

Mr. Naushir Bharucha said that the contention that the landlords were not getting sufficient returns was a "myth that required to be exploded". If the proposal was carried, tenants would have to bear an additional burden and this was not desirable.

Mr. Homi Talyarkhan supporting the resolution said that more houses were the need of the hour. He felt that no landlord would come forward to construct new buildings unless a reasonable increase in rent was allowed.

Mr. Rohit Dave opposing the resolution said that the main reason why the landlords did not want to carry out the repairs was that they wanted to drive out the old tenants, so that they might get "pugree" from the new ones. It was the duty of the Corporation to see that the interests of the tenants were protected. He feared that the resolution, if carried, would take away that protection.

POOR LANDLORDS

Mr. Gordhandas Morarji supporting the resolution said that it was wrong to assume that every landlord was rich. Tenants had no right to expect from the landlords better facilities with the rent remaining where it was.

Dr. Devji Ratansi in a humorous speech pointed out that the present rents were based on the pre-war price levels. Since then much water had flowed under the bridge, and prices of building materials as well as labour charges had gone up enormously.

Turning to the opposition he said: "Because most of you are paupers, you think that every landlord is rich, and is therefore to be envied. That is a wrong approach to the problem, for there are many landlords in the city who just make two ends meet in spite of their property".

Concluding he said to the opposition members in a humorous vein, "Be sensible, and support the resolution".

The resolution, which was moved by Mr. Yusuf Ismail was then carried by a large majority, Mr. Dinker Desai's amendment being thrown out earlier.

REFERENDUM IN FRENCH INDIA

Overseas Minister's Appeal To Assembly

PARIS, Dec. 14 (P.T.I.-Reuter): M. Jean Letourneau, Overseas Minister tonight urged the Overseas Territories Commission of the French National Assembly to adopt the bill providing for a referendum in the four settlements making up French India.

The referendum will allow inhabitants of the four territories — Pondicherry, Karikal, Yannaon and Mahe — to decide whether they want to remain in the French Union or to join India.

M. Lambert Saravane, Deputy from French India, tabled a counter motion calling for negotiations for an agreement between the French and Indian Governments to draw up a statute for the four territories, which would then be submitted to a referendum.

The Overseas Terrorities Commission will give its decision next week.

C.R.'S VISIT TO HYDERABAD

To Be Received By Nizam

SECUNDERABAD, Dec. 15, (UPI): His Excellency Mr. C. Rajagopalachari, Governor-General of India, who is arriving in Secunderabad on Monday next on a five-day visit will be received by His Exalted Highness, the Nizam and the Prince of Berar, besides Mr. M. K. Vellodi, Chief Minister, and members of his Cabinet.

SHERIFF SWORN IN

The new Sheriff of Bombay Mr. Fazal Ibrahim Rahimtoola, was sworn at the Secretariat on Thursday morning. His Excellency Raja Maharaj Singh was present on the occasion.

New Bombay Sheriff Sworn In

BOMBAY, Thursday.

The new Sheriff of Bombay, Mr. Fazal Ibrahim Rahimtoola, was sworn in this morning in a brief ceremony held at the Secretariat. Mr. L. M. Nadkarni, Private Secretary to the Governor, presented Mr. Rahimtoola to His Excellency who administered the oath of allegiance.

The Premier, Mr. B. G. Kher, Mr. M. D. Bhatt, the Chief Secretary, and Mr. V. T. Dehejia, Secretary, Home Department, were present.

PEACE TREATY SOON

Hirohito's Hopes

TOKYO, Dec. 15, (PTI-Reuter): Emperor Hirohito, opening the Japanese Diet today said he believed Japan would soon be granted a peace treaty.

Marking the formal opening of the seventh session of the Diet, Horihito said: "We can now hope to return to international society."

Japan, assisted by the Allies, had made a remarkable recovery, he said and exhorted the Diet to increase its effort "to reconstruct our Fatherland".

Japan's new Constitution was aimed at "eternal peace" and the Japanese had tried hard to establish a democratic cultural state, Hirohito added.

MUNICIPAL LEASEHOLDS

IMPORTANT DECISION UNDER RENT ACT

(Before the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Weston and Mr. Justice Shah)

D. C. Patel .. Appellant (Defendant)

vs

Shree Bhatia Co-operative Housing Society Ltd..... Respondents (Plaintiffs).

Their lordships allowed this appeal from a decree in ejectment passed by His Honour J. C. Bhatt, Judge of the Bombay City Civil Court on 24th January 1949 and directed that the plaint be returned to be presented to the proper court.

By an Agreement made in 1908 the Improvement Trust, Bombay, agreed to grant a building lease of a plot of land at Princess Street in Bombay to the predecessors-in-title of the Plaintiffs, under which the latter undertook to erect a bulilding of at least Rs. 50,000 in value within a specified time and thereafter to obtain a Lease for 999 years from the Improvement Trust of the land together with the building standing thereon. The building having been completed, a Lease was granted on 19th April 1916 of the land and the building in accordance with the Agreement for Lease. Thereafter the interest of the Bombay Improvement Trust became vested on the Bombay Municipality. The plaintiffs acquired title to the said property by a Deed of Assignment dated 26th April 1948 and as such are the sucessors-in-title of the Original Lessee.

The appellant was a tenant of the said building known as New Sitaram Building in which he occupied certain rooms on the ground floor. The respondents gave him notice to quit and purported to terminate the appellant's tenancy as from 31st July 1948. The appellant claimed protection of the Rent Act and refused to hand over vacant possesion of the premises. The plaintiffs thereupon filed the present suit contending that the building belonged to the Bombay Municipality which fell within the definition of a Local Authority, and that the Rent Act did not apply to a building "belonging to....a local authority" (Sec. 4).

The trial judge held that since the Lease of 1916 demised not merely the land but the land as well as the building, and since it contained restrictive covenants as to user of the building itself, the lessor must be considered to be the owner not only of the land but also of the building. He, therefore, held that the building was owned by the municipality, that the Rent Act had no application and ordered the appellant to vacate by 1st September 1949. From this decision the tenant appealed to the High Court.

Differing from the trial judge and construing the Lease in the light of the Agreement to Lease which preceded it and which was not before the trial judge, their lordships held that though the Lease was in form a demise of the land and the building, it was in substance a demise of the land alone and that the building belonged to the plaintiffs and no to the Bombay Municipality. Their lordships therefore held that the Rent Act applied to these premises and under the provisions of that Act the High Court had no jurisdiction to try an ejectment suit, the exclusive jurisdiction to try which had been transferred to this Court of Small Causes. Their Lordships therefore allowed the appeal and directed that the plaint be returned to be presented to the proper court.

Sir Jamshedji Kanga and Mr. K. H. Bhabha instructed by Messrs. Rower Dadachanji Sethna and Co. appeared for the appellant-tenant.

Mr. K. T. Desai with Mr. Y. N. Chhapekar and Mr. G. V. Gokhale appeared for the respondents.

Increase Sugar Factories

DEPUTATION MEETS MINISTER

BOMBAY, Thursday.

A number of suggestions were put, this afternoon, before Mr. M. P. Patil, Minister for Agriculture and Mr. M. M. Naik-Nimbalkar, Minister for Development, Government of Bombay, by a deputation of the Bagaitdars of the Province, who had come on behalf of the Deccan Sugar Cane Growers' Association.

The deputationists urged that the number of sugar factories in the Province must be increased by at least ten, preference for the opening of such factories being given to the cane growers of the Province. The deputation asked for the abolition of water tax and cane cess and the encouragement of lift irrigation as canal water was not sufficient for growing sugar cane. They asked for the expediting of the Veer Dam, Randa and Radhanagar Projects, so that electricity could be generated and for the development soon of the Khadakvasala Dam. They also requested Government that 1/3 of the acreage at present reserved for food-crops must be diverted for cash crops.

GUR INDUSTRY

The deputationists met Mr. A. L. Dias, Joint Secretary, Civil Supplies Department, and represented before him some of their difficulties with regard to Gur. They stated that since the market for Gur was consistently showing signs of depression, the industry should be left to its fate and prices should not be controlled. But, if price control was insisted upon, they were prepared to give Government full co-operation and asked that Government should give protection to the Gur industry for at least 15 years, assuring that the industry got remunerative prices against all delivery of Gur through Government agencies.

They expressed their fear that the proposed introduction of controls on Khandasagar sugar and Gur in factory zones was detrimental to the interests of the industry. Before finally deciding the policy in this respect they felt it would be better to convene a joint conference of the sugar and Gur interests of the Province.

They also requested Government to allow them to build up stocks of Gur, in order to avert shortage during the monsoon period.

It is learnt that the matters pressed at the conference are receiving the consideration of the Government.

The deputation consisted of Messrs. T. Chitale, G. G. Shembeker, D. Chitale, N. Jagtap, B. Jagtap and N. Savant.

Father's Murderous Assault

(From Our Correspondent)

RAJKOT, Dec. 15.

A thrill of horror recently went through all strata of society in the Banar Kantha District at the news of the murderous assaults with an axe made by a Lohana father on his son who brought a cup of tea for him and on his daughter-in-law who rushed out of the female apartment on hearing her husband's anguished cry for help. In a fit of homicidal frenzy the Lohana father snatched his five month old grandson from the mother's arms and flung him down on the pavement.

SPEEDY REHABILITATION OF REFUGEES

What Bombay Has Done

BOMBAY, Thursday.

WITH a view to securing speedy rehabilitation of the displaced persons, the Government of Bombay has adopted several measures which include grant of loans, agricultural colonisation, property allotments, provision of employment, business facilities, etc.

Under the scheme sanctioned by the Provincial Government, the maximum amount of loan that can be given to an individual is Rs. 5,000 for business and industry, and Rs. 3,000 for doctors, lawyers and other professions. Co-operative societies can, however, get a loan of up to Rs. 25,000. The actual amount of the loan in any case will, however, depend on the facts of each case. Four co-operative societies and 4,925 displaced persons got the benefit of these loans. The total amount of loans sanctioned comes to Rs. 46,81,425. A further allotment of Rs. 15.20 lakhs has been placed at the disposal of the sanctioning authorities for grant of loans from the funds originally placed at the Government's disposal by the Government of India.

These funds have since been augmented and it is proposed to make available another Rs. 20 to 40 lakhs during the current year for the grant of loans. The Rehabilitation Finance Administration has sanctioned loans amounting to Rs. 50 lakhs to 500 people in the Bombay Province.

COLONISATION

Three schemes for agricultural colonisation, at Radhanpur, Indoor and Deesa have also been sanctioned. Under these schemes, displaced Persons are given lands from 10 to 14 acres, tagavi loans and other assistance for resettlement. So far 493 families of displaced persons have settled on land. Two hundred more families are on the move to Radhanpur. In addition, 1,700 families have been sent to Alwar and 354 families to Bhopal for settlement on land. Three hundred more families will be going to Bhopal in the near future.

PROPERTY ALLOTMENTS

About 60 residential and business premises have been allotted from the evacuee property. About 200 additional allotments are likely to be made. About 933 residential and business premises have been allotted to displaced persons under the Bombay Land Requisition Act by the Controller of Accommodation.

The total number of displaced persons employed under the Government of Bombay is 8,242. The Regional Employment Exchange has provided employment to about 2,716 displaced persons in private concerns.

BUSINESS FACILITIES

In Bombay City, the Municipality have sanctioned 1,023 licences in different places for business purposes. Of these, 573, are for squatters' stalls, 50 for Hand carts, 200 for Hawkers' licences and 200 for roving hand carts.

REFUGEE QUOTA TO BE REVISED ?

The scurvy treatment meted out to the non-Muslim sections of Pakistan which according to reports, has become worse recently, has perturbed the Rehabilitation Ministry of the Government of Bombay. The Government, it is learnt, is seriously considering a re-orientation of its policy in this respect and it is expected that a greater number of refugees over and above the alloted quota will now be permitted to seek shelter here.

The immediate reaction of the news of this morning that the properties of Hindus in Pakistan were forcibly seized and that some of them were converted to Islam, has been one of acute concern, and the Government, feels that in such circumstances the quota issue must not be too rigidly adhered to.

A welcome beginning in this direction had already been made in permitting 1,000 more than the quota to land in the Province. Now, it is learnt that this will be followed up by allowing another batch of 2,000 refugees to seek shelter in the Province, at least temporarily, for a few months.

A new camp has been opened in this connection at Masrul near Nasik and all the 3,000 additional refugees, will be housed here till they are permenantly rehabilitated in Madhya Bharat.

Mr. G. D. Tapase Minister for Rehabilitation Government of Bombay was very much distressed about the reports that the Non-Muslims of Sind, were being subjected to indignities and brutal treatment.

"In the name of humanity and decency we cannot watch all this suffering without doing anything" he said. He added, that in view of the recent developments his department had been instructed by him, to be as liberal as possible in the admission of those seeking shelter.

It was learnt today that the Government of Bombay had so far advanced more than Rs. 46 lakhs for the rehabilitation of refugees this year. This included nearly 5,000 displaced persons and four co-operative societies. Another sum of about Rs. 15 lakhs had been put at the Provincial Government's disposal by the Centre and a sum varying between Rs. 20 lakhs and Rs. 40 lakhs was expected to be added to it.

Government's plan to settle displaced persons on land has also met with considerable success. More than 450 families have already been settled on land in the three colonies at Radhanpur, Inddor and Dessa, the settlers being given 10 to 14 acres of land apiece with tagai loans. Two hundred other families are expected shortly to reach Radhanpur and settle down.

By the joint efforts of the Government of Bombay and the Employment Exchange about 10,000 persons have also been given jobs.

Under the Land Requisitioning Act of the Government of Bombay, nearly a thousand houses and business premises, have also been put at the disposal of the refugees, by the Controller of Accommodation.

IN A CHINA SHOP

By Taurus

PROFESSOR WADIA, the Fighting Professor, is 72 years old. It is difficult to realise this for Bombay audiences specially students, have been long accustomed to see the slender, provocative figure of Professor Wadia in almost every conceivable battle. The signs of trouble are known: A slight uneasy shifting in the chair, a quiet busy movement in the slim fingers, a sideways slant to the head, a smothered chuckle and a half-snort—and the Professor is up on his feet, picking up the challenge which nobody has thrown. His sentences are jerky, crisp and very much to the point—even, as is often the case, he launches out on religion. And he gives every indication of thoroughly enjoying himself. It will be, moreover, a sad dog who does not enjoy his biting sarcasm. For he is a hard hitter.

He is quick to criticise the influential and extremely tolerant with the down-and-outs. As a judge of persons, I honestly would not rate his correctness very high but it is a friendly difference of opinion. It takes some time to learn how deeply affectionate he is and how little his sarcasms which fly like sparks about him, have driven inwards. The Fighting Professor has, I suspect, done himself more injury than anyone else by his belligerence.

I was once the target of his mild condemnation. He looked very disillusioned and then he said, "I had always thought that you were like me, not concerned with name or money". Thank Heavens, I was old enough to resist this incitement. Otherwise, there is no knowing where he might have landed me. Naturally, I felt that there were circumstances in my case which levelled me up to his standard but the Professor is an autocrat and will not be contradicted. And it is a compliment to be even denounced for not measuring up to Professor Wadia's standards.

About the most sensible thing the friends and admirers of Professor Wadia have done is this birthday celebration.

HE SHOWED THE WAY

Mr. S. K. Patil, Bombay's Mayor and President of the B.P.C.C. presided over the diamond jubilee celebrations of Mr. M. L. Dhanukar, famed industrialist and former Sheriff.

Atom Control Plan

U. N. BODY'S APPROACH TO SIR B. N. RAU

NEW YORK, Dec. 15 (PTI).

THE Atomic Energy Commission has asked Sir Benegal Narsing Rau, India's permanent representative to the United Nations to suggest a plan for Atomic control, cables D. P. Wagle PTI Correspondent.

General A. C. McNaughton, Chairman of the Commission, is also believed to have asked the Assembly's President General Carlo P. Romulo to submit proposals as well.

Both men made suggestions to the Assembly—Sir B. N. Rau advocating that the International Law Commission should draw up a declaration outlawing the use of atomic weapons while the Philippines Representative wrote to the Commission of a more elaborate plan for an armistice, an interim ban on atomic weapons and attempt to co-ordinate different plans.

The Indian plan was defeated but Sir B. N. Rau said at the time he thought the Big Powers would have to come back to it at a later stage.

As Sir Benegal is now preoccupied with the Kashmir question which is to be discussed by the Security Council on Saturday, it is not expected that his atomic proposals will be ready for discussion at the next meeting on Tuesday of the Atomic Energy Commission.

Deadlock Again!

NEW YORK, Dec. 14 (PTI-Reuter).—Negotiations for an Australian treaty between the Foreign Ministers Deputies of Britain, the United States, Russia, and France reached complete deadlock today and further meetings were postponed until January 9 in London.

EXECUTED

BUCHAREST, Dec. 14 (P.T.I.-Reuter): Lt. Col. Tetorian Dan, Marcel Emilian and Major Mihail D'Eliade, sentenced to death in November were executed yesterday by a firing squad.

A fourth man, Ion Vancu, sentenced to death in his absence, is now abroad.

M.L. DAHANUKAR FELICITATED

BOMBAY, Thursday.

Mr. M. L. Dahanukar, prominent businessman and former Sheriff of Bombay was felicitated on his sixtieth birthday by his friends and admirers at the Taj today.

Presiding over the reception, Mr. S. K. Patil, Mayor of Bombay paid tributes to Mr. Dahanukar and said he was a great industrialist and a Congressman. Mr. Joachim Alva, ex-Sheriff also eulogised the services of Mr. Dahanukar.

Mr. Dahanukar, thanking his friends referred to the present situation in India and said that in the economic field, India was at present weak. He added that every Indian should contribute towards attaining the goal of economic prosperity.

PORTUGAL OFFERS A PRIZE

Book On That Country

NEW DELHI, Dec. 15, (PTI): Contributions from Indian authors have been invited for the "Cameos Prize-1949" which is being held in Lisbon an Education Ministry announcement says.

The prize, valued at Rs. 3,500 in Portuguese currency, is awarded every alternate year to the best literary or scientific work on Portugal by a non-Portuguese author in Portuguese, French English, Spanish or Italian. Only a work published for the first time, between January 1, 1948 and December 31, 1949, will be admitted to the contest.

New Swiss President

BERNE, Dec. 15, (PTI-Reuter): M. Max Petit Pierre, Foreign Minister since 1944, was today elected President of the Swiss Confederation for 1950 with a big majority in both Houses of Parliament.

M. Petit Pierre succeeds Herr Ernest Nobs, Switzerland's first Socialist President. He remains in charge of foreign affairs, while Herr Nobs will carry on as Finance Minister.

M. Eduard Von Steiger, 68-year-old Minister of Justice and Police, was elected Vice-President for 1950.

MUTT AND JEFF—I Made This Christmas Picture In July So As Not To Be Late This Year — **By BUD FISHER**

PHEW! THIS HEAT IS DRIVING ME MAD! HOW DO YOU FEEL, JEFF?
I FEEL O.K.
DON'T YOU FEEL THE HEAT?
NAW! SUFFERING FROM THE HEAT IS LARGELY IMAGINARY! IF YOU IMAGINE YOU'RE HOT, YOU'LL FEEL HOT!
WHY, YOU POOR SIMP! I SUPPOSE YOU'RE IMAGINING YOU'RE COOL!
YEH, I WAS! BUT MY IMAGINATION RAN AWAY WITH ME!
NOW MY FINGERS ARE SO NUMB I CAN'T FEEL A THING!
ICE
Fisher

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